

James City in Virginia

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Ms. A. 2. 1. 10. 22

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May it please yo^e Lordships

1. According to my Duty I writ to your Lord^{sh}s from hence Feb: 4th wherein I presumed to give your Lord^{sh}s some Accounts of his Majestys province of Maryland, and of this his Colony and Dominion of Virginia: and therewith humbly transmitted to your Lord^{sh}s several Journals, publick papers &c. which I hope in God, your Lord^{sh}s have received, as also my Letter to your Lord^{sh}s of Feb. 24. The latter end of March I was in Maryland, where I had y^e good Fortune of seeing his Excellency Governour Blakiston, and I thank God we keep a very good Correspondence, as we doe also with his Excellency y^e Earl of Bellemont, which I hope will be for his Majestys Service: as also, if we continue some time this Fall to meet: But I suppose his Excellency y^e Earl of Bellemont will have so much business in New England, y^t he will not be returned to New York by that time.

2. His Majestys service requiring my going to y^e upper part of potomack-River in Stafford County, about y^e middle of this Month, to see what is done about y^e Piscataway Indians &c. and to see what Condition those our Frontiers are in, those parts not being above 50 or 60 miles from Annapolis; I design (God willing) to make a

step thither, in order to see Governor Blakiston, and what there is for us to doe for his Majestys Service; especially about y^e Indians, who, I hear, have lately done some mischief at y^e upper part of potomock-River on Mary-land side; y^t they have killed a man, and taken his Wife away.

3. I herewith humbly transmit to yo^e Lord^{sh} (Letter A) the Duplicate of y^e journal of y^e proceedings of y^e Council & Assembly in Maryland, from y^e 20th of 8^{ter} till y^e 12th of 9^{ter} 98. (Letter B) is a duplicate of y^e Journal of y^e House of Delegates for y^e aforesaid time. (Letter C) is a Duplicate of Laws made at y^e same As-sembly October 1698. (Letter D) is a journal of y^e Council proceedings from y^e 21st day of 8^{ter} 98. to y^e 2nd of January insuing. (Letter E) is a Duplicate of y^e Admiralty Court proceedings on y^e Briganteen Susan-nah of Spanish Town; Tho: Love Master. (Letter F) are George Muschamp Esq^r Receiver of potomock & pocomoke-Districts in Maryland, his Accompts of the 1st & 2^d of 8^{ter}. (Letter G) is his Accompt of y^e 1st 3rd & 4th of 8^{ter}. (Letter H) is his Accompt of y^e 3rd for Arms &c. (Letter I) is his Copy of y^e publick Accompt. His Majestys other Receiver of patuxent District George Plater Esq^r. was both sick & lame of his hands: so I have not yet gotten his Accompts: but hope to get y^m when I go to Maryland, in order to transmit y^m to yo^e Lordships

(Letter K) is y^e Duplicate of y^e Copy of y^e Journal of y^e Committee especially appointed to inspect y^e publick Accounts of his Majesty's province of Maryland &c. (Letter L) is a Duplicate of y^e Journal of y^e Committee of Accounts begun & held at y^e port of Annapolis in 8^{ter} 98. (Letter M) is y^e money Account taken out of y^e 1st Tobacco Journal, which is tacked to y^e letter K.

4. I herewith also transmit to yo^r Lord^{sh} 4^o 1. Duplicate. Virginia fs. proceedings of y^e Council upon y^e 9th 10th & 12th days of 10^{ter} 98. tacked to which is a Duplicate of what was done with S^r Edm^d Andros his Majesty's late Lieutenant and Governor gent^l here. 4^o 2. Virginia fs. proceedings of y^e Council upon y^e 23^d 24th and 25th days of Febru^y 1698. in which Journal on y^e 23^d Day yo^r Lord^{sh} may please to see y^t by M^r Auditor Byrds. Account of y^e publick Revenue &c. it was in debt to him and to others 4793. 14. 07². And therefore on y^e 25th day it was y^e Opinion and Advice of y^e Council y^t it was for his Majesty's service to recommend y^e state of y^e Revenue to y^e Consideration of y^e next gent^l Assembly. But 1492. 06. 03. of y^e sd Summe was for Salary and House-rent for S^r Edm^d Andros, for which he had signed Warrants: but it not appearing y^t y^e sd Warrants were signed by him, in Council &c. pursuant to one of his Majesty's royal Instructions, vizt. you shall not permit his Majesty's Revenue to be

anticipated for y^e future nor suffer any publick money
whatsoever, to be issued or disposed of otherways than by
Warrant under yo^r hand by and with y^e Advice and
Consent of his Majestys Council there: I could not allow
thereof for y^e reasons in y^e 1st Instructions. And their
Excellencies y^e Lords Justices having been pleased to send
an Order to me (and N^o 3 is a Copy thereof) for allow-
ing to W^m Byrd Esq^r 2955.¹¹ 09. 08.¹² expended upon
extraordinary Occasions in Virginia, out of y^e quit-rents
there: which order I having received before y^e gen^l
Assembly sat and signed Warrants in Council pursu-
ant thereto, and M^r Auditor Byrd, according to an order
of Council, y^t after he had allowed to himself y^e
aforesd summe he should draw up a state of y^e pub-
lick Accompts, which he did April, 26, and it yn ap-
pearing y^t y^e Revenue was not above 200¹¹ sterl. in
Arrears, therefore 'twas thought not necessary to recom-
mend y^e same to y^e gen^l Assembly. And (N^o 4) is
y^e Copy of his Accompt of his Majestys Revenue of
^{leaf 2} y^e 2^o reserved for every/hundred Acres of land &c. in
which Accompt he gives him self Credit for y^e 1st
summe of 2955.¹¹ 09. 08.¹². and N^o 5 are y^e Duplicates
of Copies of M^r Auditor Byrd's Accompt of y^e 2^o &
N^o 6 &c. of a further Accompt of Warrants passed, but
not paid, as also of Salaries due to my coming hither:
of his Majestys quit-rent. Accompt &c. of an Extract

taken out of y^e former accounts &c. n^o 6. is y^e Copy of
 his Account of y^e 2^d p^{ar} t^{he} add and by y^e balance of
 y^e sd t^{he} Auditor Birds Account (if he is not mis-
 taken in it, as he was in casting up y^e of y^e ex-
 traordinary Charges p^{ar} t^{he} out of y^e 2^d p^{ar} t^{he} add and
 port-dutys, since y^e 20th of July Anno Dom: 1693. and
 n^o 7 is a Copy thereof: and n^o 8 is a Copy of his
 Account for money paid out of his Majestys quit-
 rents for Anno Dom: 1693. & since.) your Lordps will
 find y^t there only remains due to his Majesty from
 him y^e sume of 97th - 13 - 03th. He hath made a
 memorandum in y^e sd Account y^t y^e ships being
 now all cleared, there can arise no money to y^e
 Revenue for y^e next half year: little or no Yo-
 bacco being exported till some time after Christmas.
 But he had forgotten to make this further mem-
 orandum, that y^e Annual Salaries besides y^e conting-
 ent Charges of y^e Government for y^e half year
 from y^e end of y^e Account till Christmas (y^e
 earliest time of any ships going out) will amount
 to above 1382 - 10 - 00. He also makes a Mem-
 orandum, viz. t^{he} Account returned from potomock Dis-
 trict: w^{ch} I suppose, with two ships out of this
 River, and one out of York (y^t design to be cleared
 by y^e middle of this month) may make an Account
 to about 500th. If this 500th, and y^e 900 & odd pounds

ye balance of m^r Auditors Account of y^e 2^d p^r 8th 16th
discharge y^e annual salary, and the contingent Charges
of y^e Government for this half year, till Christmas.
I think it will be for his Majestys Service. For if
it please God y^t y^e heat and drought, which is at
p^rsent very great in these parts, should continue but
one fortnight longer, tis supposed y^t there will be
but very indifferent small Crops, being this Weather
hath already prejudiced y^e Tobaccos which are plant-
ed, and for want of Rain, some cannot finish y^e
planting their Crops, and others have but just begun
ym. So y^t what hath already happened to y^e dam-
mage of y^e Crops, and if y^e other should (which
God forbid) his Maj^{ties} Revenue of y^e 2^d p^r 8th
would not pay y^e annual Salaries and contingent
Charges of this his Majestys Government. So with hum-
ble submission to yo^r Lordships, I hope y^t there will
not be any Orders sent for any money to be paid
out of his Majestys Revenue of y^e 2^d p^r 8th.

5. By one of my Instructions (which no doubt
were formed by yo^r Lord^{ships}) I am to report to yo^r
Lord^{ships} concerning y^e place of Receiver and Accountant
being y^e same person with y^t of Auditor. I find y^t
W^m Byrd Esq^r had a Commission from y^e late K.
James to be Auditor of Virginia &c. (H^o 9) is a Copy
of y^e 2^d Commission, with an Order of Council

concerning it, and an other about his giving Bond, with a Copy thereof. These are all yt I find in y^e Council-book, or elsewhere concerning y^e sd Byrd. But in y^e Council-office there is a Duplicate of a Grant to y^e right honble W^m Blathwait Esq^r making him surveyor and Auditor general of all Revenues arising in America &c. but with an Exception to an Auditor gen^l of Virginia, (which I think was given to one M^r Ailweth) and N^o 10. is a Copy thereof, annexed to which, is a Copy of a letter of K. Charles y^e 2nd to my Lord Culpeper &c. as also of an other of y^e Lords of y^e Treasury to his Lord^{sh} concerning y^e sd Grant.

b. With humble submission I think it is for his Majestys Interest yt y^e Receiver be a distinct officer from yt of Auditor: so yt one may receive and pay all his Majestys Revenues; and y^e other audit his Accompts in general, & others in particular; and yt each of ym have a Room in y^e publick Building where all their Accompts & papers may be lodged: and yt y^e sd officers may be obliged to live where y^e publick seat of y^e Government is, or hard by: or at least ym selves or Deputys, to attend certain times in y^e year, at their Offices. For at p^{re}sent M^r Auditor Byrd keeps all y^e original Accompts and Papers at his own House: where I think they are in more danger, than

There will be in y^e publick Building, where all y^e
only Records of y^e Country, are (God willing) to be
kept. And if please God, he should die, those y^t are
to look after his Estate, will have y^m in their posses-
sion. And perhaps some of y^m may be intermixed
with his own private Accompts, and imbeziled. But
if neither of these happen, yet y^e state of his Maj-
estys Revenue will be publicly known, which I think
may be a Diservice to his Majesty. Upon M^r
Auditor Byrds death, when he hath (as now) in
his hands, a considerable summe of his Majestys Rev-
enue, there may be an other great Inconvenience hap-
pen to his Maj^{ties} Service, by his having only given
bond here. For y^e Inhabitants tho they may be well
to pass, yet have little money in specie by them (at
present it being not of much use here) what Estates
they have of y^t kind, are in their Merchants or
Factors hands in England, but most in London. So
yt if y^e sd Merch^{ts} &c. or y^e Heirs of y^e Inhabit-
ants &c should secure their English estates (which
tis probable they will endeavor to doe) then perhaps
their Virginia Estates, which consist of negros and
some white servants, stocks of Battel &c. Household-
goods (and may be some European Goods they trade
with) and land which can but be extended (and it may
happen, as it hath done often, yt when y^e Virginia Estates

come to be appraised or sold, it is not for much above half
y^e Value) it may be feared that they will not answer y^e
Bond to his Majesty. But if they doe, it may be a
twelvemonth, before they can be compelled by law to
doe it. And in y^t time his Majestys Affairs may
very much suffer for want of his Revenue in other
peoples possession.

7. I also further humbly propose y^t y^e
chief Governor, Lieutenant Govern^r, or president of y^e
Council, whilst either of y^e two last are Commanders
in Chief, may each live where y^e seat of y^e Govern-
ment is, or within a very few miles thereof, upon
y^e same heek, y^t humanely speaking, neither any Wind
or weather may hinder their coming thither voluntarily,
or their being sent for, & coming then. Not y^t I
propose y^t they shall never stir from thence: for his
Majestys service may often require it, y^t they go
into several parts of y^e Country, and at least once
a year visit y^e several Countys, especially y^e Frontiers:
for for want of doing such things, his Majestys Inter-
est and service may very much suffer in several
Respects. With humble submission I think y^t y^e
saying of Severus y^e Emperour, whilst he lay ill
of y^e gout at York, who, as I remember, being
asked how he could govern y^e great Empire, being
lame, made answer y^t he did it by his Head and

not by his heels; will not hold good here, in this
his Majesty's Colony and Dominion: tho' it be very
small in comparison of y^t vast Empire. For by
y^e best accounts y^t I could get, when I was here
afore, and now; one of y^e principal Reasons y^t
made y^t Rebel Bacon and others rise and go on
as he did, was because y^t S^r W^m Berkley was
grown old and infirm: for if it had pleased God
y^t it had been otherways, they durst not have ven-
tured, because he would have been upon y^m at their
first Commotion, as he would have been upon y^e
Indians at Susquahanna Fort upon Potomack, y^e siege
of which was very odly and slowly managed: so
y^t at last not above fourscore or an hundred of
y^e Indians, with their Wives and Children broke
through y^e English Camp, as they called it, and
came and settled to y^e Westward and Southward of
y^e Falls of James-River, from whence they, and
divers other Indians did several Murders at y^e heads
of & Rivers &c. To fight and overcome whome, S^r W^m
Berkley not being able, as aforesd, others and Bacon
raised strange and very ill Reports of S^r William,
which inflamed y^e people, and then Bacon and y^e
others rose and headed y^m upon pretence of going
to fight and overcome y^e Indians: but y^e true reas-
on was supposed to be y^t he and others were in

hopes of overcoming ym, and getting great plunder
from ym. But they were at first shamefully Beat-
en by y^e Indians, and forced to run away from
ym: after which, Bacon was taken, and S^r William
pardoned him: and then he came hither and forced
y^e Governour, Council and House of Burgesses to
make him Capt^l gen^l &c.

8. When I was with his Excellency Govern^r
Blakiston in y^e Spring, we had some discourse
about his Majestys being graciously pleased to appoint
and send out of England a person to be Lieutenant-
Governour of Virginia and Maryland, for they are much
alike in point of government (so y^t when please God,
either of y^e Governors should die, or be called
home, before his Majesty hath appointed a chief Gov-
ernour) y^t he may succeed: His salary may be al-
lowed him half out of his Majestys Revenue of
Quit-rents, and y^e other half, out of y^e 3^d of y^e
1st £ 4⁰⁰ which his Majesty hath appropriated
to buy Arms and Ammunition. And your Lordships
may please to see byth Representation made by his
Majestys hon^{ble} Council of Maryland and my self,
sent to y^{or} Lord^{sh}s by y^e hon^{ble} S^r Tho: Laurence
Baronett, y^t we humbly moved y^t no more of y^e 3^d
might be laid out for publick Arms and Ammuni-
tion &c. The reasons y^t induced us to believe y^t it

is absolutely for his Majestys service may be appointed and sent by his Majesty, are because some of ye first of ye Council, are old and very infirm; as Others are also, and live at great distances from ye seat of Government. So tis a difficult thing, to have a number of Councillors together: and when they are so, there may happen great disputes about ye person of ye president, and his power singly. And may be, when ye president and Council are all Natives, or else intirely settled here; nature and self-Interest may sway them to do some thing or things, and to pass some Act or Acts, yt may be, as they will imagine, for ye good of their Country, and make and secure an Interest with ye people. But there doing one or more of these things may be very prejudicial to his Majestys Interest and service: For when any one or more of ym shall be judged in England to be of absolute necessity to be repealed or ^{unlawfully} disallowed of; yt doing thereof may be prejudicial to his Majestys Interest and service: as it may be for having a chief Governour to come hither, yt knows nothing of these Countryes, but will or must rely upon ye Council for his first governing: And it may not be for his Majestys Interest and service yt ye president and Council should have in their possession all his Majestys & yor Lordships Instructions and Orders: But

he ought to keep very fair with all y^e Council,
 at least y^e major part of y^m, and seem to let
 y^m know every thing, but withall y^t they may
 think y^t he hath more Instructions and Orders.
 Whosoever shall be Governour in these parts, must
 not pretend it in all Respects, by having read, or
 studied learned, judicious or cunning books for policy
 in Government, to understand the Government in all
 points: but he must have some sense of y^e practice
 too, to qualify him to be a good Governour. But
 with humble submission, I think it absolutely neces-
 sary for his Majestys Interest and service, y^t y^e
 Governour or Commander in chief, may be esteemed
 by y^e people, or at least y^e Major part of y^m,
 to be a lover of them and their Country; and
 not y^t he be sent, or comes to make or retrieve
 a fortune: which Character, no doubt he may get
 amongst y^m, if he behaves himself generously, and
 not be covetous: but above all, distributes equal jus-
 tice, endeavoring what in him lies, to obey his Maj-
 estys royal Commission, his Instructions, and y^e Lord^{ss}
 to him. The Lieutenant Governour to be obliged to live
 half a year here, and the other in Maryland; and
 to visit the several parts; and that y^e Governors
 be obliged to instruct and inform him, what in y^m
 lies, how to manage his Majestys Affairs, both whilst

he is under ym, and afterwards, when he shall succeed either of y^m. So y^t he may be made sensible what is for his Majestys Interest and service. With humble submission, I think there is but one Reason against y^e foresd reasons for his Majestys appointing and sending such a lieutenant Governor: i.e. viz y^t it may disoblige y^e Council and y^e people, because none of ym may ever be Governours in Chief of either Country. But this need not be made publick out y^e lieutenant Governours may be supposed to be sent upon some other present exigency of Affairs. Such a Governor or lieutenant Governor in chief, I think is every way bound in Duty, Interest, and Gratitude to make it his whole Business, so y^t all his actions may tend to Gods Glory, to his Majestys Interest and service; and after those two most great and important Affairs, to doe y^e Country, which he governs, all y^e good he can. And if he either wilfully or unwittingly fails in any of them, let him have St Pauls Curse of Anathema maranatha.

9. His Majestys Revenue of y^e 2^d & 16th &c. and of y^e quit-rents &c. is most commonly received by y^e Auditor by bills of Exch^{er} and he doth pay y^e annual salaries, contingent Charges &c. by his own bills. His salary is seven and an half p cent, as

ye Lord^{sh} may please to see by his Account.

10. As to what concerns ye Improving his Majesty's Revenue of quit-rents, I have endeavored what in me lies, & M^r Auditor is ordered to consider and propose ye best way to procure an exact Rent-roll of all ye Lands hold of his Majesty, which your Lord^{sh} may please to see in ye last proceedings of Council of June y^e 22^d in N^o 43. I think such a Rent-roll is very much wanted for ye improving of his Majesty's Revenue.

11. For several years past there hath been a very great cheat practiced by peoples taking up land for ye Importation of Negroes. But ye last April - gen^l Court I made an Order ag^t it for ye future. And N^o 11 is a copy thereof. For it was contrary to H. Charles y^e 2nd his Charter to this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion &c. And in ye sd N^o 11 is a copy of ye sd Charter: tacked to which N^o 11. are Copies of some of my Instructions which were published and recorded in the general Court, and ye reasons for so doing, by Order of his Majesty's honourable Council & my-self. And an other Cheat was by ye Charles their selling Rights, as they call. y^m i.e. 50 Acres for every person imported according to ye sd Charter: the Importer being obliged to enter, and swear at ye general

or County-Courts, to ye names and number of ye persons by him so imported. But ye Clerks for half a crown a Right, would give ym certificates for what number they wanted. And in ye last proceedings of Council ye 21st of June, in 4^o 43. your Lordps may please to see what is done concerning ye sd Rights &c. And ye 22^d Day ditto, 4^o ditto, your Lordps may please to see what orders I have given m^r Auditor about Wages Strays &c. and I intend (God willing) when ye Council meets, at y^e gent^l Court in October next, to advise with ye Council about ye better collecting his Majestys Revenue of 2^s p^r H^{dt} which will be time enough for ye next Crop.

12. m^r Auditor, according to order, made report about a Court of Exchequer &c. which y^o
645 Lordps may please to see in ye /journal of ye Council June ye 2^d 4^o 23. And with submission I think there is no absolute necessity of having a Court of Exchequer: but there is of having a Court of Admiralty. For when I had the honour to serve his Majesty as his Governour of Maryland: I found it was all most impossible to have ye illegal traders condemned in any of the Courts of Common Law there: so I had ym tryed, according to ye late Act of parliament, in ye Court of Admiralty: where

his Majesty had justice by having y^m Condemned. For
y^e same reason I have ordered illegal Traders to be
tried in the Court of Admiralty here: and with sub-
mission to y^o Lordps I think yt if yt Court
was well established here, it would be one of y^e
best ways to hinder illegal Traders, pirates, and
privateers.

13. I find here his Majestys Commission
under y^e great Seal of y^e Admiralty, empowering
S^r Edm^d Andross &c. to appoint a Judge, Register,
and Marshal in y^e Court of Admiralty &c. And
n^o 12 is a Copy thereof. I find Edward Hill
Esq^r one of his Majestys honourable Council, appoint-
ed Judge thereof by Commission from S^r Edm^d
Andross his Majestys late Lieutenant and Governor
gen^l here: M^r Miles Cary Register, M^r Michael
Shermon Marshal, M^r John Tayler Advocate: all
which officers I suppose he had an order from
y^e right Honorable y^e Lords of y^e Admiralty for
Commissionating: as I had from their Lordships
when Governor of Maryland; and in y^e sd n^o 12.
is a Copy thereof. But neither their Lordships
original Order to S^r Edm^d nor any attested Copy
thereof by him, is to be found here. And tacked
to y^e sd n^o 12 are Copys of y^e Commissions y^t
S^r Edm^d Andross gave those Officers; but their oaths

by me. Likewise y^e Report of M^r Bartholomew Fowler
his Maj^{ties} Attorney gen^l concerning y^e said Commis-
-sions, as also a Copy of y^e sd Officers Repre-
-sentation to me, about having salaries allowed ym.
With submission to y^{or} Lord^{sh} I propose y^t y^e
Judge may have 50th per Annu. y^e Register and
Advocate 25th each, and y^e Marshal 20th and that
they may be all allowed ym out of his Majestys
Revenue of y^e 2^d p^{ar} t^{ax} when it will bear it;
or out of his Majestys Revenue of y^e quit-rents.
With y^e sd n^o 12 is part of a letter which I
had from one M^r. John Moore of Philadelphia, his
Majestys Advocate in his Court of Admiralty there, with
an Account of Scotch Ships all-ready arrived in y^e West
Indies, and others expected; as also y^e Copy of a paper
concerning y^e qualification of a Scotchman to trade
in his Majestys plantations &c and it is sd to be
done by his Majestys Solicitor Gen^l in England: if
so, no doubt it is good Law. I find y^t it's indis-
-tinctly spread abroad all these parts, as are likewise
y^e Names of y^e Scotch ships &c. And I suppose
these things are done with a design to encourage
y^e Scotch-traders, and to make y^e people their
Friends. Annexed to y^e sd n^o 12 is the Copy of
a Letter which I had from y^e honble Col. Robert
Quary his Majestys Judge of y^e Admiralty in

Pennsylvania: by which your Lordps may please to see how strangely things are managed in yt province. But with submission to yo^e Lordps; if pyrates privateers, and illegal Traders be either harbored, entertained, or protected there, what in ym lies (or if all these things be done) and they not, according to law tryed in his Majestys Court of Admiralty there, they will consequently increase; and be very prejudicial to his majestys interest in general; but in point of trade in particular, in those Governments, which are governed by his Majestys immediate Commission.

14. I received a letter from y^e right Honble M^r Secretary Vernon of 23^d concerning yt notorious pyrate Tydd (which came by way of Barbadoes, so I had it not till April) and according to their Excellencies y^e Lords Justices Commands, I have given directions therein, as yo^e Lordps may please to see by y^e proceedings of y^e Council of April y^e 18th 1698. With y^e sd Letter I received their Excellencies y^e Lords Justices Instruction about Naval Officers &c. which bears date y^e 10th day of 9th mo 98. I have, and shall (God willing) according to my duty, comply therewith. That, with their Excellencies former Body of Instructions concerning Trade &c. dated y^e 30th of 4th mo 1698, sent me by y^e right honble M^r Secretary Vernon; as likewise his Majestys Letter concerning

Trade &c. dated y^e 22^d of April 97. which y^e Lordps^{ts}
were pleased to send me, & I received just before I
left Maryland (for I cant find any here, tho I sup-
pose his Majestys sd letter was sent to S^r Ed^{md})
with some of their Excellencies y^e Lords justices their
general Instructions to me, which are in n^o 13. all
these I give to y^e Collect^{rs} and Naval Naval Of-
ficers for their Directions, which I hope will be
for his Majestys Interest; being so designed by me.
for upon Examination concerning y^e Collectors and Naval
Officers, I found yt they had different Instructions, &
some none at all.

I have received y^e right honorable M^r Secretary
Vernons Letter of Jan^{ry} y^e 2nd 1699 concerning several
ships of force being fitted out in Scotland, and arrived
at y^e Island of St Thomas &c. signifying his Majestys
leave Commands against holding any Correspondence with y^e
sd Scots: and n^o 14 is a Copy of my Proclamation to
forbid corresponding with Scotch strangers. And in y^e sd
n^o 14. are Copies of y^e rest of my proclamations &c.
one of which, is for seizing and apprehending one
Gravenor, and some pirates with Goods &c (but I have
no account that any of ym are apprehended as yet)
an other is for giving 18 monthes time for produc-
ing Certificates for discharging navigation-bonds &c.
The reason why I give so much time, is because,

yt sd time is allowed by yt late act of parliament for preventing Frauds and regulating abuses in yt plantacon. trade &c. And those yt were sued, pretended yt they were surprized &c. (for putting such bonds in suit, had not been a customary thing here) And if they had time now, they would produce Certificates, or other proof to discharge yt Bonds. So I thought it would be no ways prejudicial to his Majestys Interest, for giving ym yt time: but for his Service so to doe. No 15 is an account of Navigation. bonds sued in his Majestys gen^l Court, and what was done thereupon: tacked to which, is a List of Bonds for performance of yt act of Navigation: yt prosecution of which, is suspended for 18 monthes. in a Memorandum of which, your Lord^{ps} may please to see what Orders I have given for having all Navigation. bonds &c put in suit.

15. No 16 is a Copy of his Majestys royal Instructions communicated to yt Council December 10. 1698. and by vertue of one of yt sd Instructions, yt neither yt Collectors, nor Naval Officers places should be held by any of yt Council, I have put others in yt sd offices. And No 17 are yt Names of yt Collectors, Naval Officers, and Receivers of yt Virginia. Dutys, yt have been of late, and are at present in yt several Districts of Virginia: as also

Copys of their Commissions, and their respective Oaths: with a Copy of a Commission for a Notary publick, & his Oath: and two orders of Council, appointing what person shall officiate in therd office: annexed to which, are y^e Copys of y^e Collectors, Naval Officers, and Receivers of y^e Virginia-duty-bonds, which I have taken of ym: as also a Copy of a Deputa-
-cion from y^e Commissioners of y^e Customs im-
-powering W^m Trueshan to be Surveyor &c. at Eliza-
-beth-River in Virginia: they have also deputed one John Washbourn to execute y^e same Office at Cape-Charles) and y^e Copy of a Deputa-
-cion from y^e sd Commissioners to Peter Hannan Esq^r to be Collector of y^e 1 p pound for y^e lower District of James-River in Virginia: with a Copy of Sr Ed^{md} Andros his Commission to Gowin Corbin Gent. to be Collector of y^e 1 p pound for Rappahannock-River in Virginia. But I hear y^t y^e Commissioners have appointed one M^r Richard Chichister to be Collector of y^e sd River, but I have no account of his being yet arrived.

16. God willing, I intend that all Collectors and Naval Officers shall either bring or send all Bonds, Certificates, and publick-papers once in 12 months, to be lodged in a certain Room in y^e publick Building: for upon y^e death or removal of any of y^e sd Officers, his Majestys Interest and service may suffer

for want of y^e navigation-bonds & which they take.
For sometimes y^e business of their Offices is mixed
with their own. And if they go out of y^e Country,
& die, y^e it will require some time, and be a
great difficulty to get y^m as your Lord^{sh} may please
to see in y^e proceedings of Council June y^e 22^d 4th
23. concerning y^e Report made by Peter Haman Esq^r
about his not being able to receive y^e books and
papers belonging to his Office, from his predecessors
Heirs & with^t y^e order of his Majestys hon^{ble} Coun-
cil and my self, to M^r Attorney gen^l to prosecute
y^e securities of W^m Cole, John Lear & Daniel Park Esq^r
14. 4th 13 is y^e Copy of a Representation made
to me, by four of his Majestys hon^{ble} Council & viz.
Richard Lee, who was naval Officer of Potomack Dis-
trict: Edward Hill who was both naval Officer and
Collector in y^e upper District of James River: Edmund
Jennings y^e same for all York-river: Charles Sear-
brough y^e same for y^e eastern shore. As to their
Answer concerning their being noways conscious to y^m
selves of any neglect or connivance about y^e In-
struction concerning y^e Entries at y^e Custome-House,
in England, or y^e paying y^e 3^d & 4th for Tobacco
&c. at present I know nothing to y^e Contrary: But
as for their management of y^e sd Offices, I think
they have not taken much pains in going on board,

and visiting ships and Vessels when they first arrived,
afterwards; when they were unloading, and lading;
and when they were cleared. As to what they offer,
yt it will be a Discouragement to Trade &c. if y^e
naval Officer, and y^e Collector of 2^d & 4^d be
not one person, I was of y^e same opinion before,
and therefore have appointed one person to execute
both y^e sd offices. But as for their (perhaps) yt
these Officers may be at a great distance from his^{Majesty's}
Collectors of y^e 1st & pound; those whome I have
appointed to execute those places, either live very con-
-venient for Trade; or I have obliged y^m to attend
there, upon all necessary Occasions. As to what rea-
-sons they offer for y^e Collection of y^e 2^d & 4^d
Being in y^e hands of y^e Council, I shall not pre-
-tend to question their Credit: because his Majesty in
some measure, hath intrusted y^e Government of this
leaf: his Colony & / Dominion with them. And as for
what they alledge of their having (under God) pre-
-served it in peace in y^e late happy Revolution
&c. I can say nothing to it, it being before I
had y^e great honour of serving his Majesty here:
but none of y^m were of his Majesty's Council
then, but Colonel Lee. The last reason they offer
for having those places to compensate for their Care
and some other things, I will not pretend to know

y^e truth thereof (but no doubt they know their own
 Circumstances very well) as I doe their Distances of
 their living from this place, which is as they al-
 ledge. No 19 is a Representa^{ti}on of eight of his
 Majestys Council, being all y^t were either at y^e gen-
 eral Court or Assembly (except Colonel Johnson, who
 was at y^e beginning, but went home and dyed)
 which is much of y^e same Nature with y^e latter
 part of y^e other, and with submission, I think,
 needs no other answer. But as for his Majesty
 being graciously pleased to settle a greater establish-
 ment upon ym. I know of no way to doe it, ex-
 cept it be out of his Majestys Revenue of y^e 2^d $\pounds$
~~add~~ &c (which I fear, is already overcharged) out of
 which they have 350th $\pounds$ Annu^l: and it is divided
 amongst ym. according as they attend y^e general
 Courts and Assemblies: or out of his Majestys quit
 rent Revenue. yet if it shall be judged to be for
 his Majestys Service, y^t y^e Members of y^e Council
 may execute either y^e office of Collector of y^e 1st $\pounds$
 pound, or y^e Naval Officer and Receiver of y^e Vir-
 ginia Dutys: then I humbly propose y^t they may
 have y^t of y^e Collector of y^e 1st $\pounds$ pound, for
 which they have Warrants from y^e Commissioners of
 his Majestys Customs in England, and Salaries al-
 lowed ym there: and then they will not depend upon

ye Governor as may be they might, if they had ye
places of Naval Officers and Receivers of ye Vir-
ginia dutys, which are in his disposal. But if
they fail in their duty to his Majesty, y^e no
doubt but they would be turnd out of their ^{collector} places.
And with humble submission, I think it no way for
his Majestys service, but rather prejudicial to his Maj-
estys Interest, yt either ye Members of his Majestys
Council, as formerly, or any other person should in-
joy those two different places of Collector of ye
pound, and of Naval Officer and Receiver of ye
Virginia-dutys. I have gotten an Act passed settling
ye Fees for each officer. But I think yt ye places
of Naval Officer and Receiver of ye Virginia-dutys,
ought to be executed by one person, for ye conveni-
ency of Trade, yt Commanders and Masters of ships
and Vessels, and ye merchants and Factors may be
put to as little Charge and trouble, as possible, by going
to several officers. And one of those places is not a
sufficient Recompence for a person qualified in all
respects, to execute ym well.

18. H^e 20. is a Cataloge of ye several lists of
ships from some of ye Collectors and naval officers,
being all yt I have yet gotten, annexed to which
they are. There are different Forms, and I think
some of ym are not very perfect. But I hope yt

for y^e future they will comply with those several In-
structions, which I have, and shall give ym, as I
before intimated to y^{or} Lord^{sh} in pag: 5. paragr: 3
line 4. &c.

19. One of their Excellencies the Lords justices
their Instructions to me, is concerning y^e secretaries or
Registers Office: at present Ralph Wormley Esq^r one of
his Majestys honorable Council, executes y^t Office. and
n^o 21. is a Copy of his Commission. I sent y^e sd
Instruction to him with an other of their Excellencies
&c. about transcripts of Acts publick orders, journals &c.
to be transmitted to y^{or} Lord^{sh} And y^{or} Lord^{sh} may
please to see y^e answer y^t Edm^d Jennings Esq^r his
Deputy makes to ym in y^e Council proceedings of May
y^e 31st n^o 23. But whether y^e Secretary or his De-
puty transmits to y^{or} Lord^{sh} Transcripts of all
Acts, publick orders, and journals of Council, y^{or} Lord^{sh}-
best knows. The Secretaries office here comprehends
almost all Offices: for he is Custos Rotulor^{um} of y^e
whole province; y^e County Clerks having Commission
from him: And those Courts and y^e gen^l Court
try Cases of all Natures. But I have endeavored to
establish y^e Admiralty Court, where I intend all mar-
ine affairs shall be tryed, and all things belonging
thereto, recorded with y^e Register of y^t Court, as I
have already done those ships and Vessels which I

have registerd. according to y^e late Act of parliament
for preventing Frauds and regulating abuses in the
plantation Trade. Most things are recorded there, and
returns sent thither, both Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Milit-
ary. When y^e Fire burnt down y^e state-house, they
saved y^e Records; but they were all mingled: but
two persons being appointed to sort and methodize ym,
I think they did it very well. And maybe they are
in better order in y^t respect, than ever they were,
or would have been, except y^e same method had
been taken. When please God, y^t y^e publick Build-
ing is finished, I humbly propose y^t at least 3
Rooms be set apart for y^e Secretarys Office, viz. one
for y^e Records of y^e principal Court, one for the
recording of patents, and what belongs to land &c.
and an other for miscellanys. I also humbly pro-
⁶⁴⁸-pose y^t one Room in the said Building, may be
set apart for all Ecclesiastical affairs: And th^t
it be under y^e Secretary; yet my Lord B^p of Lon-
don's Commissary may have inspection into it: And
y^t an other Room be set apart for military Affairs:
for I hope upon y^e Revival of y^e Laws about y^e
Militia, to get y^e Office of a Muster Master established,
and yⁿ be too keeps y^t office. The Records, papers,
&c. of all these sd Offices, according to their several
natures and dates of years to be kept in strong

boxes, with locks and keys to ym, in order to preserve ym from being destroyed by some small Insects which we have in this Country: also from being worn out by often using ym: for want of being numbered and dated. And if any Fire should happen (which God forbid) then they may be preserved intire: for y^e boxes may be made so, yt they may be flung out at y^e Window of each Office. M^r Secretary Worm-ley hath not been here since I came: so have not been able to give him an oath, and take security, according to y^e sd Instruction. And some people are of opinion yt he will hardly ever be able to come hither. His Deputy Edm^d Jennings Esq^r may be once a week or fortnight comes to y^e Office, which is managed by one who is called y^e Clarke of y^e general Court, and a Deputy, and under him: The sd Clarke's name is Ellickley-Corbin-Thatcher, whome I find to be a man qualified in all respects for y^e sd Employment. But with humble submission, I think yt except y^e Secretary, or his Deputy be obliged to live at y^e seat of Government, where they may daily attend their Office, which requires it, it cannot be managed and looked after as it ought to be.

20. It has been y^e Custome here for several years past, yt y^e Secretaries, Auditors, Collectors, and Naval Officers places have been in y^e Counsellors

hands, and managed by them as they thought fit; I suppose not thinking ym selves obliged to attend ym but yt they were given to ym. to make profit on; and to compensate y^e charge and trouble they had, by attending Councils, general Courts, and Assemblies. But with submission, I think it is a very ill Custome for y^e Office to attend y^e Officer, and he not y^e Office. For his Majestys service can not be done as it ought, except all Officers doe wait upon their Offices: and y^e principal ones, or their Deputys, if allowed to have any, live at y^e seat of y^e Government, as they doe in all other places. When please God, yt y^e publick Building is finished (for I recommended it to y^e Assembly, to have it large enough) I hope all publick Offices will have Rooms convenient for ym. so yt they may not be mixed and in disorder as formerly.

21. By one of my Instructions I am to transmit to your Lordships y^e names of twelve persons fit to be of his Majestys honourable Council &c. And h^o 22 is a list of 15. (they are all Gentlemen very well affected towards his Majestys Government; and are men of y^e best estates and Interest in y^e Country) the reasons why I send 15. are because John Arnstead Esq^r. one of y^e 1st twelve, was dead before I came, and Richard Johnson Esq^r. dyed in y^e

Assembly-time, and Daniel park Esq^r. has not been here. And your Lord^{sh} may please to see in y^e proceedings of Council of May y^e 14th 4^o 23. with what difficulty I can get 5 of y^e Council together, and by y^e several Journals, how few of ym use to meet at one time. It was so in S^r Edm^{ds} time. Some times y^e length of y^e way, and badness of y^e. weather hinders ym at other times, sickness, y^e Gout, and other accidents.

22. 4^o 23 are proceedings of y^e Council from y^e 15th of April to y^e 8th of June 99. in which Journal your Lord^{sh} may please to see April y^e 24th what is done relating to y^e Instruction about Arms and Ammunition. But I have sent out an Order to y^e Colonel and Commander in chief in each County, to make a Return what publick Arms and Ammunition there is there. May y^e 9th is an Account of what was done concerning y^e fortifications. May y^e 16th is an account of several things to be done between y^e sessions of Assembly. And May y^e 14th is an account of what was done about a small Vessel to cruise upon y^e Coast &c. And in y^e Journal of y^e House of Burgesses June y^e 2nd are Answers there to. And I hope in God, y^t there will be no occasion for y^e Assemblys meeting, before y^e Fall come twelve moneths for y^e reasons

alleged in our proposition to y^e Burgesses May y^e
16th. And besides, y^e publick levy this year is pretty
high, it being for y^e defraying and payment of
y^e publick Charges of y^e Country from y^e 24th
day of yber 94. to y^e 7th day of June last.
The Assembly sitting 6 Weeks, makes y^e County
levies very high: being their two Burgesses salaries
are pd by each County. And y^e Committee for y^e
revisal of y^e Laws, is an other publick charge.
But with humble submission, I think it is y^e
best, if not y^e only way, to have a Complete
body of Laws compiled &c. n^o 24 are y^e Copies
of some of my Instructions, which I intend to
give y^e Committee: and if your Lord^{sh} please to
send any Commands for them to me; I will
take care y^t they shall have ym. And I hope
in God, y^t y^t Act will be approved of by y^{or}
Lord^{sh} and y^t it will answer y^e ends for which
it was designed. And I intend to be here, y^e sev-
-eral times y^t they shall sit.

23. June y^e first in y^e sd Council. proceed-
-ings, is M^r Attorney gen^l his report about y^e stile
n^o 25 of commissions, publick Instruments &c. And in n^o
25 is a Copy of y^e oath of y^e Judge of y^e gen-
-eral Court: which, according to one of my Instru-
-ctions, was formed by order of his Majestys honourable

Council, and my self, as y^{or} Lordps may please to
see in the sd Council proceedings on y^e 14th day of
April 1623. which was taken by us in open Court
in y^e beginning thereof. But as for a fuller oath,
the Consideration thereof will be left to y^e Committee
for revising y^e Laws: laced to which, is y^e Copy
of an oath of a Counsellour, y^e Commission of
y^e Clark of the general Assembly, and his oath: the
Commission of y^e Clark of y^e Council, and his oath:
as also a Commission of y^e Clark of y^e House of
Burgesses, & his oath: the oath of a Burgess: a
commission for swearing y^e Burgesses: A Commission
appointing a messenger to attend y^e House of Burgesses:
a commission for swearing y^e Clarks of y^e several
Committees &c. And a Commission of y^e Surveyor Gen:
-eral & his oath: with a list of y^e several surveyors.
Also in y^e sd 1625 are Copies of several Commi-
-sions, oaths &c. with y^e names of y^e several Officers
&c. an abstract of ym is in the first leaf, in
which 1625 are y^e names of y^e Colonels and Com-
-manders in chief of each County. I can not send
y^{or} Lord^{sh} a perfect list of all y^e Militia: for
I could not find an account of ym in any of
y^e Officers, not so much as y^e names of all y^e
Colonels and Commanders in chief. And by reason
of y^e gen^l Court & assembly sitting so long, and

in y^e spring. I have not been able to view y^e mil-
itia: and now is y^e busy time of harvest, which,
I thank God, proves very well. And people will be
employed about y^e Indian corn and Tobaccos, till to-
wards y^e Fall: at which time I intend (God will-
ing) to see y^e milit. June y^e 7th in y^e sd pro-
ceedings of Council, is what is done about y^e In-
struction for having fit Officers & Commanders in y^e
several parts of y^e Country, bordering upon y^e Indians
&c. And 4^o 26 is an account of y^e several Nations
who paid Tribute last April and May: by which y^e
Lord^{ss} may please to see how they decrease in num-
ber. 4^o 27. are proceedings of y^e Council concern-
ing y^e bounds between Virginia and North Carolina:
tacked to which, are Copies of proceedings in Council
in my Lord Effingham's time, and when I was
lieutenant Governor here afore. And I think there
were Disputes when my Lord Culpeper and S^r Edm^d
were Governors too. Tacked to y^e sd 4^o 27. is a
Copy of y^e Charter which y^e North-Carolina agents
produced here. I humbly desire y^t your Lord^{ss} would
be pleased to send Orders hither about this affair.

24. One of my Instructions is, y^t a general
Survey be made of this Colony and Dominion &c.
which, with humble submission, I think can not well
be done, till y^e bounds between it, and North Carolina

our Southern bounds, be adjusted; as also our north-
ern ones on y^e Eastern shore adjoining to Mary-
land: y^e settling of which, is referred to y^e Commit-
tee for y^e revising y^e laws &c. We are bounded to
y^e Eastward by y^e Virginian Sea, to y^e Westward
at present without limits to our Bounds. H^o 28. is
y^e Journal of y^e gen^l Assembly begun y^e 24th of
April 1699. H^o 29. is y^e Journal of y^e House of
Burgesses for y^e same time. H^o 30. are Laws made
in y^e said Assembly; which Journals and Laws, I
hope will be to y^{or} Lordships satisfaction. H^o 31. is
y^e Draught of y^e City of Williams-burgh, of Queens-
port and Princes port. If any ill-disposed person
either out of spite or private Interest, shall offer
any thing against removing y^e seat of y^e Govern-
ment, according to y^e act directing y^e building y^e
Capitol, and the City of Williamsburgh &c. I hope y^t
y^e reasons contained in y^e sd laws will weigh
more than what they can pretend to alledge: for
I dare venture to maintain ym against its Opponents:
and there are as many reasons ag^t keeping it here,
as there are for removing it to Middle plantation:
And I hope it will not be wholly determined ag^t y^e
said act; being it was for his Majestys honour and
Service in all Respects.

25. The assembly have several times endeavored

to make a law for ascertaining y^e Rate and Value, which money shall pass at here. n^o 32. are Copies of 2 Bills which they drew about y^m And in y^e Journal of y^e gen^l Assembly June y^e 1st n^o 23. Your Lordships may please to see what was done about y^e last Bill. And one of my Instructions is, y^t I shall not permit any Act or Order to pass, where by y^e price or value of y^e current Coine, either foreign, or belonging to his Majestys Dominions, shall be altered without his Majestys particular leave and directions therein: so I humbly beg y^t I may receive y^m But with submission, I humbly propose y^t all Coines may be of an equal value, not only in y^e several Governments immediately under his Majesty; but also in those under proprietors, and other English Governments on this Continent. For at present each Government hath several values for y^e different Coines. And those Governments which are immediately under his Majesty, suffer by y^e other Governments raising & lowering y^e value of y^e Coines, when they find it is for their particular Interest and Advantage.

26. n^o 33. is the Copy of a Bill giving encouragement to adventurers upon a new discovery of y^e Western Indians. And your Lordships may please to see in y^e Journal of y^e House of Burgesses, which is n^o 29. May y^e 19th how y^e bill came to

be brought in, and y^e 5th ditto, how it was dashed:
 but referred to y^e Consideration of y^e Committee for
 revising y^e Laws. Upon inquiry, I found y^t y^e ^{leaf}
 Reason why they dashed y^e bill, was because y^t
 they had not subscriptions from y^e people, for y^e
 discovery and management of y^e Indian Trade,
 which I suppose, will be offered to y^e Committee,
 as y^t of his Excellency y^e Earl of Bellemont's letter
 to me of May y^e 26th concerning Indian Trade
 (and n^o 34. is a Copy thereof) is to be: as y^{or}
 Lordships may please to see in y^e proceedings of
 Council June y^e 22^d. n^o 43. And n^o 35. is a
 Copy of Colonel Jones his proposition, which is re-
 -ferred to y^e Committee for revising y^e laws. And
 n^o 36. is a Copy of Council-proceedings when I
 was lieutenant-Governor here, about y^e Indian Trade.
 But with submission, I humbly propose y^t y^e Merch-
 -ants of London or others y^t trade to these parts,
 may be acquainted concerning y^e sd Bill: and hope
 there will be reasons enough y^t will oblige ym to
 venture for y^e incouragement of y^e sd Trade. For
 if it could be well managed, I hope y^t we might
 prevent y^e French their getting of it, and further
 settling to y^e Westward of y^e English on this Con-
 -tinent. But if they should obtain these 2 things,
 and settle y^e mouth of y^e River Meschasippi (all

which God forbid) it would be very prejudicial in all respects to his Majestys Interest and Service.

27. h^o 37. is y^e Copy of y^e Reports of y^e Committee for examining Claims to land in Pomunkey-neck, and on y^e South side of blackwater-Swampe &c. As y^{or} Lordships may please to see in y^e proceedings of y^e Council of y^e 21st day of June in h^o 43. what is done about ym. h^o 38. are Copies of papers concerning y^e piscattoway-Indians, and one of y^m called Squire Tom.

28. h^o 39. is a copy of y^e number of Tithables in each County, as also of y^e publick levy of Tobaccos: but that there may be an exact account taken of all y^e Inhabitants of this his Majestys Colony and Dominion; I send to each Sheriff a Specimen how to perform it. and h^o 40. is one of ym. h^o 41. is a Copy of y^e bond given by M^r Robert Carter for being Treasurer, according to act of Assembly. h^o 42. is a Copy of y^e most material part of y^e Journal of y^e Committee for publick claims. h^o 43. are proceedings of y^e Council upon y^e 21st and 22nd Days of June 1699.

29. I had y^e Honour to receive his Majestys royal Commands from y^e right hon^{ble} M^r Secretary Vernon, with a new Seal: And y^{or} Lordships may please to see in y^e sd proceedings y^e 22nd day what

was done there upon. No 44. is a Copy of his Majesty's Warrant for using y^e seal, as also Copies of 3 other Warrants for using seals; which are all y^t I find here. By this opportunity I send y^{or} Lord^{sh} y^e two seals, viz. y^e Steel one of K. Charles's, which is defaced; and y^e great silver one of y^e late K. James, both broken and defaced. His Majesty's honble Council and my self, are humble supplicants to y^{or} Lordships, y^t you would be pleased to order some seale for y^e Council Office; tho there never has been one yet. But now it is humbly proposed by us y^t it is for his Majesty's Service to have one also a less seale to use in y^e Secretary's office: ffor there y^e greater is kept, and is all they use. And we humbly desire y^t y^{or} Lord^{sh} will be pleased to order what seale shall be used by y^e Notary publick. I hope y^t y^e silver of y^e late K. James his seale, will pay for these seals: if so my Merchant M^r Micajah Perry will pay y^e rest.

30. No 45. is y^e Report of M^r Bartholomew Fowler his Majesty's Attorney gen^l concerning orders of y^e Council, and things entered in y^e Council-book: so y^t if there be any thing y^t y^{or} Lord^{sh} have^{ben} pleased to send hither; y^t is necessary to be made use of as a Record, or as an original or Duplicate (for none are to be found except y^{or} Lord^{sh} letter about

ye Act for Pyrates and Privateers) by this your Lord^{sh}
may please to see what validity they are of.

I am now most humbly to beg ye Lord^{sh}
pardon for this prolix letter & I could not have pre-
sumed to have done it; but ye I find according to
his Majesty's royal Instructions, I am in duty bound
to send all these accounts; as also by several of ye
Lord^{sh} Commands & Orders to him, who is

Your Lordships most obliged

and Faithfull

humble servant

J^r: Nicholson

God willing, I intend to send to ye Com-
missioners of ye Customs ye Copies of ye
several things &c. which I doe here with to
ye Lordships; as also an Account about
Trade &c. shall be written to ym by

leaf¹⁰ Endorsed

Virginia

Lre from Coll: Nicholson to

the Board, dated ye 1st of July
1699.

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By his Excellency

.A proclamation

Whereas many persons have made their claimes to diverse Tracts of Land on the South side of Blackwater & in Pamunkey neck & are desirous to obtaine patents for the same, & for as much as many Surreptitious & feigned Rights have been of late made use of contrary to the Charter Granted by his Late Mat^t King Charles the 2^d to this his Colony & Dominion of Virginia bearing date at Westminster the 10th day of October in the 28 year of his Reigne, and contrary to the Instructions of their Excell^{ty} the Lords Justices of England pursuant to the said Charter, To the end his most gracious Mat^t may be no longer deceived in his grants by such false & feigned Rights nor his Mat^t Loving Subjects prejudiced in their just titles & claimes, I Francis Nicholson Esq^r his Mat^t Lieut^t & Gov^r Gen^l of Virginia with the advice of the hon^{ble} Councill of state, do hereby give notice to & require all his Mat^t Loving Subjects that expect any benefit by any claime to any Tract or Tracts of Land on the Southside Blackwater or in Pamunkey-neck or else where not already patented that they produce Such & so many Rights as they have in their possession, & by which they have taken up or intend to take up any Tract or Tracts of Land to the hon^{ble} Gen^l Court in October next on the 6th day thereof to the intent that such effectuall wayes

& means may be found therein, as may tend to the advancement of his Ma^{ty} Interest and to the good & benefit of all his Loving Subjects by securing to them their just Titles & claims, and I command and require all sheriffs in their Respective Counties to cause this Proclamation to be published in all Churches Chappells / Court-houses & other publique^{p. 96} places as they will answer the contrary at their perils, Given at James Towne under the Seal of the Colony this 21th day of June 1699 In the 11th Year of his Ma^{ty} Kigne.

ffr Nicholson

A proclamation for bringing
the Rights for Land

W. Thacker Sec^y off

God Save the King

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Virginia fo:

By his Excellency



A Proclamation

Whereas a Piscataway Indian called & Known by the name of Squire Tom hath been convicted upon the Records of Stafford County - Court for the barbarous murder of some of his Ma^{ty} Subjects in the said County, and to avoid the just punishment due for y^e said offence is fled from Justice, Therefore I Francis Nicholson Esq^r his Ma^{ty} Lieut & Governor Gen^l of Virginia by & with the advice & consent of the hon^{ble} Council of state do in his Ma^{ty} name command

+ require all officers civil & military + all other his Ma^t
Loving Subjects within this his ancient & great Colony & Do-
minion of Virginia to use their best + utmost Endeavour
to apprehend + take the said Indian Squire Tom, and him
¹⁻⁹⁷ having taken to bring or/cause to be bro^t. before any of
his Ma^t Justices of the peace in this Colony & Dominion who
is hereby commanded and required to secure the said In-
dian Squire Tom in order to his being brought to con-
dign punishment, and in case the said Indian doth resist
or refuse to be taken it shall & may be Lawfull for any
of his Ma^t Loving Subjects to Kill Shoot or destroy the
said Indian Squire Tom, & if any Person or persons either
christian or heathen shall apprehend and take the said
Indian Tom either Dead or alive I do promise to allow
to any such person or persons the reward of Tenn pounds
sterling wth the auditor of his Ma^t Revenues is hereby
impowered & required to pay, And I do command all Sher-
iffs to cause this proclamation to be published in all
churches chappells & other publique places in their respective
countys as they will answer the contrary at their perills
Given at James Town under my hand & Seal of the Colony
this 21st. Day of June 1699 in the Eleventh year of his
Ma^t Reigne

J^{ff}. Nicholson

A proclamation for apprehending &
taking one Squire Tom an Indian

l b. Thacker l b k l e^r office

God Save the King

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By his Excellency

A Proclamation

Whereas his Ma^t hath been pleased to signify to me that he hath receiv'd advice from the Island of Jamaica that severall ships of Force fitted out in Scotland were arrived at the Island of St Thomas with an Intention as they declared to settle themselves in some parts of America their designe being unknowne to his Ma^t least the same should Derogate from the Treaties his Ma^t hath entered into with the crowne of Spaine, or be otherwise prejudiciall to any of his Ma^t Colonys in the West Indies I Francis Nicholson Esq^r his Ma^t Lieut. & Gov^r Gen^l of his Ma^t Colony & Dominion of Virginia in Obedience to his Ma^t Royall Commands, by & with the advice & consent of the hon^{ble} Councell of State, Do in his Ma^t name strictly forbid all his Ma^t Loving Subjects, & all other persons within this his Ma^t Colony & Dominion of Virginia that they forbear holding any correspondence with or giving any Aid or Assistance to any person or persons Engaged in the said Enterprize, while they are so. engaged, and I do also charge & command, all his Ma^t Loving Subjects that they do not presume to furnish or supply any of the said persons with provisions Armes Amunition or any other Necessaries whatsoever, and I do likewise charge and/bom^{mand} ¹⁷⁷ all Masters of Ships or Vessells that they do not

Export or carry out any provision Armes Amunition or
any other necessaries whatsoever for the use of all or
any the said person or persons, And I do command and
require all Sheriffs to cause this Proclamation to be pub-
lished in all Churches & Chappells and all publique places
in their severall Countyes Given under my hand & seal
of the Colony this 22th day of June 1699 in the Eleventh
year of his Mat^{ty} Reigne

Jfr: Nicholson

A proclamation to forbid
corresponding wth Scotch strangers

to be Thacker bth set off.

God save the King

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Endorsed Virginia p. 14 / copy. / Of severall proclamations by
his Excellency. &c.

Also Endorsed N^o 14 Virginia / copy of several Proclama-
tions, abt certificates of / ships; abt Seamen's running / from
y^e Ships of War; abt / Graverard; abt Rights for / Land; abt
an Indian, and / abt trading, corresponding / &c with y^e Scotch /
Referred to in Coll / Nicholson's Lre of y^e / 1st July 1699. /
Rec^d. Sept^r 14th } 1699 / Entred Fol 358 / C 16
Read

Nicholson Esq Our Lieut and Govern^r Gen^l of Virginia at
James Town under the Seale of our Colony the _____ day of
_____ 1699 in the Eleventh Yeare of Our Reign.

The Oath of an Interpreter.

You A B shall Swear that you will truly & faithfully
Interpret what shall be said or delivered by any Indian
that shall relate to the Govern^t of this his Maj^{ty} Colony &
Dominion and if you shall Discover or hear of any Strange
Indians within your precincts you shall Give Immediate
Notice to his Excellency the Govern^r or to some of the Com-
manders in Chief within your precincts And in all things
you shall serve his Majesty in the office of Interpreter to
the best of your Skill & cunning.

So help you God.

Form of a Patent for Land

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To all to whom these presents shall come I
Francis Nicholson Esq. his Maj^{ty} Lieut & Govern^r Gen^l of
Virginia send Greeting Whereas his late Majesty King
Charles the Second hath been Graciously pleased by his
Royall Letters patents under the great Seale of England
bearing date at Westminister the tenth day of October in
the eight and Twentieth yeare of his Reign Amongst other
things in the said Letters patents contained to continue
and confirme the Ancient power and priviledge of granting

fifty acres of Land for every person imported into this colony of Virginia Now Know Yell that I the said J^{as}. Nicholson Esq^r. Govern^r. &c. doe with the Advice and Consent of the Councill of State accordingly give and Grant unto here the mans name and bounds of the land are inserted the said Land being due unto the s^d _____ by and for the transportation of _____ persons into this colony whose names are to be in the records mentioned under this patent To have and to hold the said Land with his due share of all Mines & Minerals therein contained with all Rights & priviledges of hunting hawking fishing & fowling with all woods waters and rivers with all profits comodities and Hereditaments whatsoever belonging to the s^d Land to him the s^d _____ his heires and assigns forever in as large and Ample manner to all Intents and purposes as hath been used and allowed since the first plantation To be held of Our Sovereign Lord the King his heires and successors as of his Manor of East Greenwich in free & common socage and not in capite nor by Knights Service Yeilding and paying unto Our said Sovereign Lord the King his heires and successors for every fifty acres of Land hereby granted at the feast of S^t Michael the Arch Angell the fee rent of One shilling which payment is to be made yearly from yeare to yeare provided that if the said _____ his heires or assigns doe not seat or plant, nor cause to be seated or planted thereon within three yeares next to come

.sueing the date hereof. that then it shall & may be Law.
 .full for any Adventurer or planter to make choice thereof
 and seat thereon Given under my hand and the Seale
 of the colony this _____ day of _____ in the _____ yeare
 of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord William the third by
 the Grace of God of England Scotland ffraunce & Ireland King
 Defender of the faith &c Annoq^t. Domⁱ. _____
 A B his patent for _____
 acres of Land in _____ County

fform of an Escheat Patent for Land

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To all to whome these presents shall come I ffran-
 cis Nicholson Esq^t. his Maj^{ty} Lieut. & Govern^r Gen^l of Virginia
 send Greeting Whereas his late Majesty King Charles the
 Second hath been Graciously pleased by his Royall Letters
 patents under the Great Seale of England beareing date
 at Westminster the tenth day of October in the Eight & twen-
 tieth yeare of his Reign. Amongst other things in the s^d
 Letters patents contained to continue and confirm the
 Power and Priviledge of Granting to the Inhabitants of
 this colony & Dominion all Lands that have Escheated or
 that shall Escheat to his s^d. Majesty his heires or Suc-
 cess^{rs} under the payment of Two pounds of Tobacco Com-
 position for every acre. AND whereas a certaine tract
 of Land lying in _____ County and containeing _____
 acres late in the possession of A B decd. is lately found

to becheat to his Sacred Majesty from the said A B. as
by any Inquisition recorded in the Secretaries office under
the hands and Seales of C.W. becheato^r of the s^d County
and a Jury sworn before him for that purpose dated——
may appeare. for which said Land C. D. of—— County
hath made his composition according to the s^d Letters patents
Know y^e therefore that I the s^d Francis Nicholson Esq^r.
Governor. &c. doe with the Advice and consent of the Coun.
^{p. 219.}
-cill of State Accordingly give and Grant unto the s^d C. D.
the s^d—— acres of Land lying in—— County aforesaid
According to the most Ancient and Lawfull bounds thereof
To have and to hold the said Land with his due share
of all Mines and Minerales therein contained with all Rights
and priviledges of hunting hawking fishing and fowling
with all woods waters and rivers with all profits commo.
-dities and Hereditaments whatsoever belonging to the said Land
to him the said C. D. his heires & assigns forever. in as
large and ample manner to all Intents & purposes as hath
been used and allowed since the first plantation To be
held of Our Sovereign Lord the King his heires and Suc.
-cessors as of his Mannor of East Greenwich in free & common
Socage and Not in Capite Nor by Knights Service Yielding
and paying. unto Our s^d Sovereign Lord the King his
heires & Successors for every fifty acres of Land hereby grant.
-ed at the feast of s^t Michael the Arch Angell the fee
rent of One shilling which payment is to be made yearly

from yeare to yeare Given under my hand and the seale
of the colony &c.

At a bounceill held at James City June 22^d 1699

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Present

His Excellency

Mr Byrd	John Lightfoot	} Esq ^r .
Edward Hill		
Edm ^d Jennings	Benj ^r Harrison	

Mr. Attorney Gen^l According to order having reported his
opinion as to the method of proceeding in relation to Es-
cheat Lands in These words following
May it please yo^r Excellency.

I have considered the Lawes & Statutes of England
relating to Escheats. And find therein these severall Rules
Established.

1. That a return of all Inquests of Escheat, ought to be
made by the Escheato^r within one moneth after the office
found.
2. That all Inquests ought to be taken in Townes and
open places and by good and Substantiall men and open-
ly by Indenture between the Escheato^r and Jury.
3. That noe grant be made of any Land seized into
the Kings hands untill Office found and that all grants
before office found should be Voyd.
4. That a Monthes time after the returne of the Inquest

Ought to be allowed, for those that have right to Traverse the E Escheats before any grant be made thereof -

^{p. 221} I also find that his late Majesty King Charles the Second by his Charter Granted to this Colony and Dominion of Virginia Dated the Tenth day of October in the twenty eighth yeare of his Reign did for himselfe and Successors confirme that all Lands possess by any Subject inhabiting in Virginia which did or should Escheat should or might be Enjoyed by such Inhabitant or possessor his heires & assigns for ever paying two pounds of Tobacco Composition for every Acre of Land so Escheated. So that upon the whole matter with Submission to y^r. Excellency and this Honorable Board.

I humbly propose the following method of Escheats as the most agreeable to the Lawes of England. his late Maj^{ties} Royall Charter and most Suitable to the Circumstances of this his Maj^{ties} Colony and Dominion.

1. That upon Reasonable Suggestion made or upon the knowledge of the Escheator himselfe, that any Land Escheats to his Majesty. A Writ doe issue in the Nature of a Mandamus, or diem clausit Extrema. Directed to the Escheator commanding him to find the office by the Inquest of twelve men, as the Statute of England direct.
2. That noe Inquests be taken but in publick and open Places And that Notice be given by the Escheator by Note under his hand set up at the Court house of the

bounty where the Land doth Lye upon a bount day of the time and Place of taking the Inquest before any Inquest shall be made

3 That a Return of the Inquest into the Secretaries office shall be made within one Moneth at furthest after the Inquest taken

4 That noe grant be made of any Land Escheated to his Majesty untill Office found. p. 222

5 That a convenient time be allowed after Office found to Traverse the Escheat of any Lands before a grant be made thereof.

6 That the Possessor in his own Right should have the precedence of all blaines Provided he makes his blame known by petition to yo^r. Excellency within such time after office found as shall be thought convenient.

7 That the Buildings & Improvements made upon Lands Escheated to his Majesty may be Valued by the Jury finding the Escheat. And that the Grantee may pay soe much p^{er} cent for composition for the Same to his Majesty as shall be thought reasonable.

Whereupon Ordered that in all time coming the Escheats of the severall Counties in this his Maj^{ties} Colony & Dominion doe proceed in relation to Escheats, According to the Said Method proposed by m^r Attorney Generall And in noe other manner whatsoever.

as they from time to time shall appoint this commission to continue during the pleasure of the 3 Trustees Given &c

/copy of the Oath of a Surveyor

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You shall swear well truly & indifferently to Lay out all such Tracts of Land as you shall be required to Survey without favour or partiality. You shall not neglect Surveying of any Land entered with you whereby any person or persons may be damnified. You shall Survey no Lands within any Indians bounds without publick Order, nor make any illegall Survey for any person whatsoever. You shall render a perfect account of all fees & profits you have made since the death of Col^d Scarborough late Surveyor Gen^l, and of all you shall yearly make by Surveying, and account to the Surveyor Gen^l or his Deputy for the sixth part. You shall from time to time obey all such legall Orders as you shall receive from the Surveyor Gen^l or his Deputy. And finally you shall Act & do all things as you ought to do justly & honestly in the Mistry of a Surveyor

So help you God

List of Surveyors appointed

Henrico County	_____	Rich ^d Ligon
Charles City	_____	Theoderick Bland
Surry	}	Thomas Swan
Isle of Wight		

Elizabeth City	}	William Lowry
Warwick		
York	}	Miles bary
Gloicester		
Nansemond	}	Thomas Milner
Norfolk		
Princess Ann		
James City		John Soan
New Kent		James Minge
King & Queen		Rich ^d Whitehead
Middlesex		Edwin Thacker
Accomack	}	Edm ^d Scarborough
Northampton		
Essex	}	H ^m Mosely
Richmond		
Stafford		Tho. Grigg
Westmorland		Alexander Spence
Northumberland		George Cooper

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Endorsed N^o 25. Virginia / Names, Comiss^{rs}, & Oaths of y^e Judges/Jus-
tices, Sheriffs & clerks of each County / Clerk of the Gent Court. Attur-
ny Gen^l / Coroner, Escheators, Survey^{rs} Military / Officers and Indian Interpreters /
Form of a Patent for Land, Escheat / Patent for Land, The Attorney Gen^l /
Report about Escheated Lands & Ord^r / thereupon
Oedimus for swearing the Military / Officers, Ditto for y^e civil Officers.
Referred to in Holt / Nicholson's Let^r of the / 1st July 1699
Rec^d Septemb^r 2th } 1699. / Entred Fol: 359 / C. 27.
Read

April 29th 1699

Five nations of Indians on the Eastern shoar, Viz Nandewy, Occhanock, Matarapungo, Mottomphkin, & jingoteigne, their tribute formerly was One hundred cubits of Roanoke, but being now diminished to one tenth part of what they were, they offer to pay Twenty five cubits of Roanoke, & desire that may be accepted it being all they are able to pay, w^{ch} was accordingly accepted, & their tribute for the future directed to be paid after that Rate.

May 2^d 1699.

On the South side of James River, three nations of Indians, Viz. The Nansemond Indians, their tribute formerly was, Tenn Beaver Skins but having lost most of their men, Nine Skins are accepted this year, & they Ordered to pay after that Rate for the future.

The Nottaways, Their tribute is thirty Deer Skins

The Meherins, their Tribute is thirty Deer Skins

May 3.

Upon the head of York River are two Nations of Indians, the Pamunkey Indians, their Tribute formerly was, Twelve Beaver Skinns & five Arrows, w^{ch} they accordingly paid, but their number being much Decreased, two of the Skins are abated for the future.

The Chickahaminy Indians, their tribute formerly was ten Beaver Skins, but being a small Nation two of the

Skins are remitted

May 15th

Upon Rappahanoek River are two Nations of Indians. The Rappahanoek Indians, their tribute formerly was four Beaver Skins, but being very much decreased in their Number, it is Ordered that they pay three Beaver Skins for y^e time to come

The Nansiatico Indians, their Tribute formerly was ten Beaver Skins, w^{ch} they paid accordingly, but being a small Nation are become very Poor, they desired that eight Beaver Skins, might be accepted for the future, w^{ch} was granted.

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Endorsed n^o 26. Virginia / Account of the several Nations of Indians who paid / Tribute in April & May 1699.

Referred to in Col^d / Nicholson's L^{re} of y^e 1st / of July 1699

Rec^d Sept^r 4th } 1699 / Entred Fol 359 / C 28
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N^o 34.

N. York May 6th 99

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Part of his Excell^{ty}
The Earl of Bello:
-mont's Letter, about
the Indians, & trade
with them.

I do not know what to think of Our
Five nations of Indians by Coll^o Fletchers ne-
-glect of them through the whole course of
his Government, & especially his omitting to de-
-molish the Fort of Badarague, wth the French
had deserted for two years together they are under such
discouragements as I fear we shall hardly preserve their
Friendship, & fidelity to the Crown much longer, & the French
put every thing in practise to Inveigle, Debauch them over
to Canada, & such as will not be allur'd, they make their
Indians to kill & destroy when they meet them in hunting,
another thing w^{ch} mightily disturbs Our Indians is, That the
Gov^r of Canada will not allow them to be Subjects to the
-Crown of England, & so will not admit them to be Com-
-prehended within the Last treaty of peace but requires them
to go & make a separte peace with him, otherwise threaten-
ing them with War and besides detaining some of their
people Prisoners, w^{ch} distracts them above all other things,
then to add to all the rest their number is reduced from
3500 men that they were before the Last War to about
1100 which is a great decrease & they do not want naturall
understanding to be sensible of their paucity and conse-
-quently the Weakness of their present Condition.

I am perswaded you cannot do the Crown of Eng.
-land a more acceptable Service than to Open a Trade

with the Nations of the Twichtwichts, / Shatteras + Dowaganhas,
 Indians w^{ch} lye as I understand at the back of Virginia,
 Carolina + much further Westward, you will pardon me that
 I presume to advise you, but tis more by way of hint
 than formall advise, beleiving at the same time you have
 all imaginable zeal + propensity for the Service of England,
 being with much Esteeme

Your Excell^t most humble Serv^t.

Bellomont

This is part of a letter sent by his Excellency the Earl
 of Bellomont re: to

[ffr: Nicholson]

Endorsed n^o 314. Virginia, / ^{Extract} ~~copy~~ of a L^re from y^e Earl /
 of Bellomont to Coll Nicholson abt a Trade with the / Ind^s on
 y^e back of Virg^a + Carolina. / Referred to in Coll Nicholson's
 L^re of y^e 1st July 1699. / Rec^d Sept^r 4th } 1699 / Entred Tol 360 /
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An Essay

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Louisiana and Virginia

improved By

Col^l: Cadwallader Jones Esq

Dedicated

TO

His Excellency Francis
Nicholson Esq His Maj^{ty}
Lieut and Govern^r: Gener^l:
of Virginia-

Qui timeat Nunquam Honorem habebit

Dated

At York Town Jan^y 17th

1698/9

Right Hon^{ble} S^r

Some time since at the Hon^{ble} Esq^r Horneleys
I met a book of father Louis Hennepin a ffraunciscan ffryer
Dedicated to his Maj^{ty} of England King William the 3^d Dated 1698.

I was so affected wth the fidelity of the ffryers Ex-
pressions together wth his Rationall Demonstrations in his
Draughts I immediately fell into a labour of the mind, that
from the father some great advantage might accrue to
this Country which to me nothing could be more Satis-
factory; I suffered some time under this chaos, strange
notions saluted me tho I could solve my Apprehensions the
Difficulty was to make them communicable

I concluded tho my Lines drawn never so Crooked,
to Endure the Censure being well assured that time would
soon Improve them, And for as much as Demonstration is
Absolutely Necessary in Geography to begett a full and
Satisfactory beliefe I recollected the best of my thots of
Some Yeares Experience together wth hardships + Difficulties I
have Endured when Post'd in this Hon^{ble} Countrys Service.

I here present Your Hon^{ty} wth a Draught of mine part
of the father joyn'd as I can remember having seen the
father but one Day.

fforasmuch as the wealth of the Subject is the
health of the Prince, I humbly conceive the advantages
thereunto Accreuing doth hereby offer V^{rs}.

A Trade from hence settled would answer wth those

Indians from our Caucasian Mountains, w^{ch} is now to
me well known cannot rationally be above ^{p. 264} one hundred
miles into this Louisiana country as appears by my Draught
and that by way of a company of Gentlemen adventurers
it might be perfected to as much Hon^r and more proffit then
that of the No West passage by Capt Zachary Lillum, the
adventure was fifty pounds a Share the Second Voyage it
ris to four hundred pounds and so continued for many
Yeares

I humbly conceive Ten adventurers wth thirty pounds a
Share, would answer to know the certaintie whether our
mountaines be passable, that dun there is no doubt but
the Trade woud be secured

Then it should be Lawfull for those first adven-
turers, wth themselves to make up the number ten out of
each of the four great Rivers Each Gentleman at their En-
trance paying fifty pounds, after all on Equall Dividents

By this the first adventur^r would be well reimbursd thi
in truth I believe the Discovery would be made at fiftane
pounds a Sheare to y^e 1st N^o of Advent^r

I Observe by the father that at the westernmost end
which from us is the head of the Lake Illinoise on the
South side of the S^d Lake are settled two great nations
balled Mississikinackes, and the Octoavats between w^{ch} is
a narrow Streight, and a Passage from the upper Lake
Through which Every Year passes 200 Canoes to Trade at

Mount Keall, Quebecke, and Isonnontavans that manage the
Trade which is conveyed to ffont Albany and Pennsylvania;
these furs so rich cannot be rationally Vallued less then
one hundred pounds Each Conso amounts to y^e Sum of twenty
Thousand pounds Sterb

There is computed in this Country of Lowissiana
two hundred Nations which by the conveyance from Lake
to lake down to Quebecke do yearly Trade through it is
p. 265 neare three thousand Miles: I presume/Our Desent would be
on the Huron Indians which is on the Middle lake It is
presumed all Stherne Wthern from thence would be stop-
ped by us they having by the Various meanders of the
Lake Erie and Ontario fifteen hundred miles to Quebecke and
we could afford matters as Easy as the ffrench

In three yeares season after the Trade is securely
settled the Vallue of furs yearly from hence returnid may
be with much modesty computed at one hundred Thou.
sand pounds Sterb

A fforeigner Prince Deprived of the S^e. Sume the
custome considerable to our Crown, more of the manu-
facture of England Vent'd heere

In five yeares according to the Law now Estab.
lishid as to y^e Indian Trade the bolledge would be Salut.
ed wth near the Sum of two thousand pounds Sterb per
year and all waies Increasing

Moreover a Signall and prodigious Advantage

would appear to all this country for to settle this trade by a company to secure and propagate their Interests, It is manifestly requisite that they must Erect two fforts at Least one on this side the Mountaine bancawsus, the other on Low-issuiana side

The Very necessary Concourse of People would give the country a Great advantage as to the approach of any Indians Invaideing us for of the N: most Poynt of those hills that arise from the head of Pamunken Branches they are about five miles rising up a great part of Vinge Inhabited is to be ^{lightwood} seen ^{horns} upon a pol and fird would be well seen at Esq Corbyns/Planta. ^{p. 266}
tion two miles from y^e Mounte Howse the like poll at Esq Corbyn would answer and the country a Speedy and necessary Alarm

his Mat^r would be further Obliged (Viz^t)
In that burrious Vaile Called ~~Tachinon~~ the Land is Very Rich and thirty miles in Breadth and about Ninety miles North and So in Length with four Single Mountaines About a mile rising ground are placed So Comedious and pleasing as tho made by Art to View and Comand that Vaile this country now grown healthfull Children now Increaseing and this Roade lying through it; It would Soone for many good reasons be Planted; there being a water barriage, and barteage up.

Thus as Concisely as in me; have I Sum'd up my Thoughts as to my countrys Service; If there be any

persons bee byassed as to the Prejudice of this Countrys ad-
vantage; I court them not; But humbly refer my selfe
to y^e men of Hon^r; that are the bold, the brave, and those
that Dare; under whose Sentiments I abide yet I begg leave
wth confidence to affirme that the Matter well weighed & truly
Digested These proffits would manifestly appeare to y^e Glory
of God; whereby his word by his Ministers may be Dis-
pened amongst soe many greate and Puissant Nations to Di-
liver those poore Soules from the darkness of Infidelity and
y^e mist of Haresie they have had some glymiring Light;
of from the Sea of Roome this might be said one of the
first Exhaultations of the Church of England His Maj^{ty} Ex-
chequer/Obliged besides his Sati^{sfaction} the wellfare of his
Subjects

This Country served in being Easid of an In-
cumbent charge of Keeping of some men all waies in
armes for its Necessary Defence, this in peace In truth I
could further offer as the probability if any minerall
they might be Discovered together wth precious Stones; But
least I should Draw my lines beyond a mean I subscribe
my Selfe Your Excellencies

In all Obedience

badwallader Jones

York Town Jan^{ry}
the 16th 1698/9



Endorsed Referred to y^e Committee / of Propositions / & Grievances, p. 274
 May / 17th 1699 / Test H. R. ~~et~~ / house Burg

Also Endorsed Coll^d. Jones Proposition about an / Indian
 Trade / Read and reported / by the Committee / Test B &
 Col P. G. / Virginia p.

Also Endorsed N^o. 35. Virginia / Coll^d Cadwallader Jones's
 Essay / abt an Indian Trade &c / Referred to in Coll^d / Nichd.
 Jones's L^{tr} of / 1st July 1699. / Rec^d Sept^r. 14th } 1699 / Entered
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At a Council held at James City June 24th 1692

Present

The R^t hon^{ble} Francis Nicholson Esq their Ma^{ty}

Lieut Governour of Virginia

Ralph Wormley Esq

Edw^d Hill Esq

William Byrd Esq

Henry Whiting Esq

John Lear Esq

Edmund Jennings Esq

Ch^r Wormley Esq

Ch^r Robinson Esq Sec^y

Henry Hartwell Esq

The R^t hon^{ble} the Lieut Gov^r acquainted this Board, that he perceived there was great inconveniences and danger in the Indian trade as it is now managed, The Indians when our Traders are in their Towns using them very basely, and highly to the dishonour of the English Nation, oftentimes killing some of them and taking their goods away, and the same is a great encouragement of them to persist in their wickedness, it not being possible to discover what Indians they were that did it, His Honor therefore proposed to the Council that they would consider what was fitt and proper to be done therein to prevent the same for the future, On consideration hereof it appears that several of our Traders are often robbed by the Indians, used very strangely amongst them, and oftentimes some killed, to the great dishonour and dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants of this Colony, Do therefore

in all humility Lay the same before their Mats, and
humbly beseech them to give Liberty that the Indian Trade
may be managed (as near as the circumstances of the
country will bear) as it is in New York, That being judg.
ed the likelyest way to secure the trade, keep the Indians
from doing any mischief, and regain the honour of the
English, All which will be for their Mats Service and good
of this country.

A True Copy

ffr: Nicholson

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Endorsed n:36. Virginia / copy of a Minute of Council
in 1692. when Coll / Nicholson was Lt Gov there / abt y^e Ind^{es}
v a Trade with / them.

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Virginia

Reports of the Committee for Examining
claims to Land in Pamunkey Neck And
on the South side of Black Water Swamp.
And to Consider of the most proper means
to settle the Northern & Southern bounds of
Virginia

By the Committee.

For Examining claimes to Land in Pamunkey Neck, And on the South Side of Blackwater Swamp, And to consider of the most proper meanes to settle the Northern & Southern bounds of Virginia

The Queen of the Pamunkey Indians together with the great men belonging to the said Nation setting forth that, by severall Orders of the Generall Court there was granted unto them a considerable quantity of Land lying in Pamunkey Neck, which they have a long time possessed & Enjoyed. And that by the Articles of Peace made at Middle plantation the 29th of May 1677. the ^{S.} Land was then confirmed unto them, with a clause in the said Articles that a Patent should be granted to them as is usuall to other his Maj^{ties} Subjects, which Patent tho often desired by the said Indians was never yet obtained And the said Indians thereupon complaining that Ralph Horneley Esq^r & others in company of the Surveyor about the beginning of June 1694. upon the ^{S.} Petition^r Land possess^d by them and within One Mile of their Indian Town and in severall other places of the said Land did Enter Survey and lay out severall considerable parcels of the Pet^r Land to their great prejudice and breach of the Said Articles of Peace. And which if suffered would of necessity drive the petition^r from off their ^(now) habitation, and praying redress and that a Patent may be Granted them Pursuant to the ^{S.} Articles.

The same being fully weighed & considered by the Committee and the great men of the S. Pamunkey Indians wth Mr. Robert Parlay their Interpreter having appeared personally before us, upon full hearing of what they had /further to allege And due consideration had to the Articles^{p. 202} of Peace and the 136. Act of Assembly in the printed book to which the said Articles have relation, This Committee conceive that the fourth Paragraph in the said Articles of Peace contained ought to be kept firme & inviolable which Paragraph is as followeth

That for prevention of the injuries and evil consequences that may arise for the future by the violent intrusion of diverse English into & upon the Land Granted to the said Indians by the aforesaid Articles to y^e great disturbance of the Peace of this his Maj^{ties} Colony and involving it into ruine & Misery. It is concluded and established that no English shall Seat or plant nearer then within three Miles of Any Indian Town

And thereupon this Committee doe report

1st That According to the Purport intent & true meaning thereof No English whatsoever Ought to Seat plant or possess any Land in Pamunkey Neck nearer then within three Mile as aforesaid of the Town where the said Indians now Inhabit, that being the place whereon they were Seated at the time of the said Articles And on which they have ever Since continued

2th That the said Indians have not any power or Authority by colour or pretext of the said Articles or any Law or Order whatsoever to sell lease or let out any part or parcell of the said Land within the s^d. bounds other then to the posterity of their own Nation

3th That the said Land to the said Indians so as afore. said Granted & bounded by the said Articles of Peace should be Adjudged and taken to be sufficient for their habitation and reserved Lands.

4th That it would conduce much to his Maj^{ty} Service that all other the Vacant Land in the said Pamunkey Neck be held of his Maj^{ty} his heirs & Successors by Patent as other Lands are holden.

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And Whereas Severall parcells of Land were by the Pamunkey Indians for good & Valuable consideration leased for Ninety Nine yeares to these Severall persons hereafter named which Lands by an Order of Assembly held at James City the 25th of Aprill 1674. was granted to be confirmed unto them And that they should have the Priority and first grant thereof when the same came to the Kings hands Provided alwayes that it should not be construed and taken to give them right to any Lands granted by patent or Patents before the making the 136 Act of Assembly (Vizt.)

To Thomas Bell a parcell of Land the quantity not mentioned.

To m^r. John Langston Six hundred Acres of Land.

- ✓ To Cornelius Dabney six or seven hundred Acres of Land.
- ✓ To John Sexton assigned to James Turner a tract of Land.
quantity not mentioned.
- ✓ To Peter Adams fifteen hundred acres of Land.
- ✓ To Ambrose Lipscomb a Tract quantity not mentioned.
- ✓ To Richard Yarborow a tract quantity not mentioned.
- ✓ To George Smith six hundred acres of Land.

Upon due consideration whereof this Committee do conceive that the severall persons before named and all claiming under them whose names are so many of them as appeared to lay their claims before this Committee hereafter are expressed pursuant to the 2. Order of Assembly ought to be preferred before any others - Viz.

Thomas Comer his claim to one hundred Acres of Land in Pamunkey Neck part of that leased to Peter Adams and by sev^l mean conveyances come to his possession As also Six hundred & seventy acres issuing out of severall former Patents granted to sev^l persons And by sev^l mean conveyances come to his possession -

✓ John Haydens claim to three hundred and seventy Acres p. 254
part of the said tract purchased of Geo. Adams & Quitrents paid.

✓ Thomas Carr One hundred & fifty acres purchased of Peter Adams and four hundred Acres purchased of James Turner Son of James Turner dec^d and quit rents al.
ways paid.

James Adams Son of Peter Adams deed Six hundred & fifty
acres descending to him by Act of Law.

John Oliver One hundred thirty three acres purchased of
George Adams Son of Peter Adams deed.

Robert Davis two hundred & eighty acres by of same title.

Thomas Nichols one hundred & fifty acres purchased of James
Adams Son of Peter Adams deed and quit rents paid.

Robert Blackwell One hundred & eighty acres purchased of
Anne Adams widow of Peter Adams deed quitrents due-
ly paid.

Nath: West four hundred & three acres part of that granted
to James Turner and by severall meane conveyances
come to him.

Thomas Butler & his wife in behalfe of the Orphans of
Peter blaybrook two hundred acres purchased by the
said blaybrook of William Turner Son of James Turner
deed his Maj^{ty} Quitrents having been yearly paid
for the same.

Jane Gooch Widow One hundred acres purchased of W. Turner
Son of James Turner deed.

James Terry One hundred and Seventy Acres purchased of
George Turner Son of James Turner deed.

Thomas Elliot one hundred, and thirty acres by the same
title quit rents paid.

James Henderson One hundred acres purchased of James
Turner deed And Quitrents duly paid.

/ John Termier One hundred acres part of y^e granted to John

Sexton And by severall meane conveyances Come to him.

Thomas Parker three hundred acres by severall mean bon.

veyances from George Smith come to his possessor.

William Kennalls & Mary his wife in behalfe of Alexander

Anderson son of David Anderson deed. One hundred

acres purchased of Geo. Smith by the s^d. David And.

son deed.

William Andrew One hundred acres purchased of George

Smith and quit rents paid.

W^m Hurt three hundred acres by diverse mean conveyances

from Richard Yarborow.

William Hurt jun^r. One hundred & forty acres by y^e like title.

John Yarborow for himselfe and the children & Devisees of

Richard Yarborow deed for certaine Lands granted to

the s^d Richard Yarborow.

William Morris three hundred Acres purchased of Rich^d

Yarborow.

John Oakes five hundred & fifty acres by severall meane

conveyances from Richard Yarborow.

William Rawlins eight hundred acres purchased of Richard

Yarborow.

Henry Dilling in behalfe of George Douglas orphan and

heir of Robert Douglas deed two hundred acres pur

chased of Richard Yarborow.

Peter White three hundred Acres by the same title.

Andrew Mackallaster One hundred acres by the same title.

Hance Hendrick Seventy acres by the same title.

Hance Hendrick three hundred acres purchased of Richard
Yanborow & John Asenough.

James Babney, Geo. Babney, Dorothy Babney, & Sarah Babney
devises of Cornelius Babney deed Seven hundred acres
to which is added of Low Land thereto adjoining 150 acres

Edward Bell Son of Thomas Bell deed fourteen hundred acres.

Mr Lipscome John Lipscome and their three sisters Devises
of Ambrose Lipscome deed a certaine tract quantity not
known Leased to y^e D. Ambrose.

p. 286 / Thomas Greenshaw One hundred & fifty Acres purchased of
m^r John Langston.

Abraham Willory One hundred & fifty acres by Severall
meane Conveyances from John Sexton.

Thomas Mackgehey One hundred & fifty acres purchased of
George Smith.

James Edwards Lewis Davis and Stephen Terry One thousand
three hundred acres of Land by diverse mean Convey-
ances from Rich^d. Yanborow come to their possession.

Philip Williams four hundred and three acres purchased of
George Turner Son of James Turner deed.

This Committee Doth Report that the following
blames being with the intent & meaning of the Proviso
in the afores^d. order of Assembly mentioned & expressed And
issuing out of former grants & Patents Ought to be Con.

confirmed to the Several Petitioners.

Robert King five hundred and twenty acres of Land part of a tract of Land granted by patent unto William Pallam and by him assigned unto H^o Woodward and by the s^d Woodward conveyed unto Alexander King and descending from him to the said Robert.

Henry Maddison two hundred & seventy acres purchased formerly of m^r. Samuell Austin & afterwards confirmed by m^r. Rich^d. Littlepage being Land formerly patented.

John Oustine two hundred & eight acres by y^e same title.

Joan Drummonds two hundred & sixty acres purchased by Thomas Husbands of Cap^t. Roger Mallory and some Land purchased of m^r. Richard Littlepage. by the last Will & Testament of the said Thomas Devised unto the said Joan for life and after to Jane Husbands daughter of the s^d Thomas.

H^o. Isbell One hundred & fifty acres granted by Patent unto Elias Downes and by Diverse meane Conveyances come to his possession.

Benjamin Arnold about eightene hundred acres leased to him by the Chickahomony Indians for which he assigned to the s^d Indians in fee six hundred acres of Patented Land and gave Several other Valuable Considerations.

Roger Mallory Thomas Mallory and Charles Mallory Two thousand acres sold unto Roger Mallory Gent. dect, by the Chickahomony Indians in Exchange for other Lands.

This Committee also being of Opinion that it will
Conduce much to the Advancement of his Maj^{ties} Interest and
Service that all Vacant Lands in Pamunkey Neck be held
by Patent of the King his heires & Successors Do thereupon
conceive that the following Claimes (his Maj^{ties} Grant to his
Royall Colledge of William & Mary in Virginia being first
of all complied with & laid out) Ought to be granted to
the Severall Petitioners and they to be preferred before any
other not having Prior Grants Entries or Surveys. They have
ing Entred Rights for and Surveyed the same and some
of them thereupon been seated severall yeares.

(Viz)

John Burross five hundred & ninety acres for which he hath
Entred Rights and Surveyed the same and been there
on seated thirteene yeares.

John Gasar three thousand Rights Entred & Surveyed.

Thomas Hickman Jane Husbands & W^m Gough in behalfe of
his Son John Gough two thousand two hundred acres
Rights Entred & Surveyed, that is to say Eleven hun
dred acres the one Moiety thereof to Jane Husbands
and John Gough by equall Division and the other
Moiety to Thomas Hickman ~

p. 255 / Ralph Horneley Esq. Thirteene thousand five hundred Rights
Entred & Surveyed and Patent formerly Granted but re
signed to give precedency to y^e Colledge.

Whicheley Corbin Thacker Three thousand five hundred.

Charles Flemming W^m Winston & James Dabney three thousand.

Henry Fox Gent. Nineteen hundred eighty two in three
severall parcels.

Edward Hill Esq. five thousand and sixty Patent obtained
the 25th of October 1695. but resigned to give preference to
Colledge.

Job Howes and diverse others the Assignees & Devises of
Thomas Nelson decd Eleven thousand eight hundred
& fifty five acres.

Thomas Bray Richard Gissedge & James Minge three thou.
sand nine hundred acres on each side of a Swamp
called Goodwins Swamp by assent of the parties thus
Divided Viz. the lower part thirteene hundred & forty
acres to Gissedge the middle part twelve hundred &
eighty acres to Minge the upper part twelve hundred
& eighty acres to Bray

Richard Littlepage Son of Richard Littlepage Gent. decd three
thousand One hundred & sixty acres Entred and Sur.
veyed by Samuel Oustine and by him Divided to
Richard Littlepage decd and Descending to the Petition.

Richard Johnson Esq. three thousand acres by order of Gen^l
Court dated 20th Aprill 1688.

Edmund Jennings Esq. six hundred acres formerly granted
by the Chickahomony Indians to Peter fford & after
confirmed before S^r. Henry Chicheley and upon the
14th of Aprill 1688. againe confirmed to the said fford

by the Lord Effingham and by the sd. fford conveyed
to the blaimer.

^{p. 229} / Richard Littlepage son of Richard Littlepage Gent dect seven
thousand eight hundred & twenty acres Entred and Sur.
veyed 1679.

Thomas Hancock five hundred acres conveyed to him by
Roger Mallory.

John Kinsbrow & Hinston & John Longworthy having grant.
ed unto them by order of Governo^r & Councill dated
16th October 1685. fiftene hundred Acres of Land in Pam.
unkey and Longworthy being now dead without heirs
Kinsborow & Hinston praying grant of the same upon
the branches of Mangohick Creek to them as Survivors,
their title preferrable under the former Salvoos

Daniell Parke Esq. setting forth that he Surveyed Ten thou.
sand & eighty two acres in Pamunkey Neck. And that
his blame thereto was Entred upon Gen^l Court Records
as appears by an order dated 3^d May 1688. and pray.
ing Grant for the same. And a certaine blause be.
ing added at the bottom of the Petition to this ef.
fect Viz^t part of this Land is patented, and the Right
at present by order of Gen^l Court in Benj^m Harrison
jun^r & Jane Jones Widow in behalfe of her Son George
Jones by Another petition representing that George Pargiter
dect purchased of the Pamunkey Indians six hundred
acres of Land for 99. yeares which was by the sd Pargiter

possessed & actually seated for seven yeares before his
 Death and by him Devised to the $\bar{D}$ George Jones And
 laying down in her petition that Anno 1695. Col^l. Dan.
 iell Park Surveying a great quantity of Land in the
 $\bar{D}$ Neck, included that granted by the Indians to the $\bar{D}$
 Pargiter and m^r. Gideon Macon Averring to this Committee
 in behalfe of the $\bar{D}$ orphan all the beforesaid matter to
 be true And further that Gregory Garfoot being in pos-
 session of the $\bar{D}$ Land under Pargiter did (after the Death
 of the $\bar{D}$ Pargiter) by bargain between him & Col^l. Park,
 attorn tenant to Park and took charge of severall Ne-
 groes belonging to the $\bar{D}$. Col^l. Dan^l. Park by reason
 of which bargainous Attournm^t. the $\bar{D}$ Park still continues
 possession, so that it appearing to this Committee to
 be part of the Land to which Daniell Park Esq^r lays ^{p. 290}
 claime by virtue of the order of Gent^l Court above ex-
 pressed. And by him Surveyed the whole matter is by
 this Committee Judged worthy of the consideration of
 the Generall Assembly.

Lewis Burwell in behalfe of his Children the Legataries of
 Nathaniell Bacon Esq^r dec^d. all the Land in Pamunkey
 Neck lying between Mangohick Creek and the Devils
 Woodyard being granted unto the said Nath. Bacon by
 order of Gent^l Court dated 16th October 1685.

[Titles]

Titles upon Indian Leases

This Committee conceives that the following blaimes and titles to Land in Pamunkey Neck having their ground and foundation upon Indian Leases are ipso facto null & void as being contrary to the true Intent & Meaning of the Articles of Peace and to the 136th Act of Assembly in the Printed book But because it conduces much to the Advancement of his Maj^{ties} Interest and the peopling of this his Maj^{ties} Colony that the said Lands should be held of the King as others, And because the severall persons blaiming thereby have their immediate dependance thereupon have made severall Improvements and had a long continued & uninterrupted possession this Committee therefore conceives that (his Maj^{ties} Grant to his Royall Colledge of William & Mary and other the former Salvo's reserved) a favourable Grant thereof may be made to them in severally.

Virg^o.

Robert Napier One hundred acres Leased to Alexander Mack.
Donald and Assigned to him, and Eight hundred acres
Leased to himselfe.

Matt: Mullins One hundred & fifty acres Leased to Thomas Hare
and Assigned to him

129^o John Whitlock One hundred & fifty acres by of Same title.

Susanna Page One thousand acres Leased to her selfe.

Anthony ffuller & James Johnson three hundred Acres assigned
to them by George Pargiter decd.

Mitch. Hardroppe ninety acres assigned to him by ffulter and

Johnson assignees of George Pargiter deed.

James Hayfield One hundred acres by the same title.

John Thompson four hundred & fifty acres assigned by William
Clarke. & by Margt. Clarke.

Joseph Hayles, Joseph Cocherham & John Dixon fifteene hundred
acres leased to them.

Joshua Normand in behalfe of Joseph Southerland Philip
Southerland and George Southerland Orphans of George
Southerland deed three hundred acres leased to George
Southerland deed.

Thomas Ware Six hundred acres leased to himselfe.

Thomas Mackgehee One hundred acres leased to Daniell Grant
& by Diverse Mean conveyances come to him.

Philip Williams One hundred acres assigned by Mackdonald

John Baker five hundred acres leased to him.

Edward Huchstep five hundred and fifty acres leased to
his Mother & himselfe.

Richard Gissedge two thousand acres leased to himselfe.

John Hurt Eighty acres leased to him.

Francis Hill two hundred & fifty acres leased to him.

William Byrd Son & heir of Robert Byrd Gent. deed twelve
hundred acres leased to the S^r Robert.

Ambrose Smith Six hundred acres leased to him.

Ambrose Smith John Dixon John Hurt & Benjamin Arnold
Nine hundred Acres leased to them.

John Maddison & Thomas Perring six hundred acres leased to them
Samuell Williams & Mr. Lea two hundred acres leased to them -
1792 / Sam^l. Williams & Dan^l. Coleman six hundred acres, leased to them
Thomas Spencer Sec^y. Two hundred & fifty acres Leased to him.
Edmund Smith & Robert Douglas Orphan & Devisee of Rob^t. Douglas
deed three hundred acres leased to the s^r Edm^d Smith &
Robert Douglas deed.

William Haynes representing that m^r. W^m. Bates about 12 years
agoe purchased of Capt Roger Mallory betwixt two and
three hundred acres of Land in Pamunkey Neck which
the s^r. Mallory held by Indian title and the s^r. Bates
soon after departing this country and now presumed to
be dead and having noe Attorney here prayed Grant
for the same. This committee conceives the said William
Haynes hath noe colour of title for the same.

William Leigh of King & Queen County Gent. representing to his
excellency that by an order of councill made 25th of No-
vember 1682. It was directed that four thousand acres of
Land should be laid out for the Rapp^s Indians about
the town where they dwelt in Pursuance whereof three
thousand four hundred seventy four acres were laid
out for the s^d. Indians who lived upon the same as
long as they thought fitt But afterwards removed. And
the s^d. Land for some yeares hath and at present doth
lye wast and uncultivated and praying to be admitted
to enter for survey and take up the same. This

Committee conceives the said petition not to be within their cognizance the Lands not lying in Pamunkey Neck or Blackwater but presume the same being long since deserted by the Indians the usuall methods may be followed for taking up thereof as in other Kings Lands

/ Land: on the South Side
Black water.

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- Upon consideration of the claims and Titles presented & laid down by severall persons to land on the South side Blackwater Swamp the Committee conceives that it is for Advancement of his Maj^{ties} Interest & Service that all Vacant Lands as in Pamunkey Neck so on the South side Blackwater Swamp should be held by Patent of the King his heires & Successors as other Lands are holden and therefore (his Maj^{ties} Grant to his Royall Colledge of William & Mary in Virginia being already complied with and taken out) all persons claiming Lands there by Entry & Surveys and having had a long continued and uninterrupted possession shall be preferred thereto in the first
1. place.
 2. Those who claime by Legall Entries & Surveys made in the
Second place. -
 3. Nude & bare Entries in the third place.
 4. And Seated without any Entry in the last place.
- Provided alwayes none of them intrench upon former

Grants Patents or Legall Entries. (Virg.)

Thomas Busby Seven thousand four hundred acres Entred and
Surveyed Anno 1682 and ever since held in Actuell pos-
session and Seated with severall plantations

William Randolph Esq. Two thousand nine hundred and twenty
Six acres Surveyed and Patented but the Patent surren-
dered to give preference to the Colledge.

1290 James Minge Two thousand three hundred acres being part
of a tract Surveyed for him Anno: 1683. containing five
thousand nine hundred seventy two Acres & whereout was
taken for the Colledge by Mites & bounds three thousand
Six hundred Seventy two Acres.

Benjamin Harrison Esq. three hundred acres purchased of the
Keynoke Indians Anno: 1686 which hath ever since been
in his Actuali possession And whereupon he hath Seated.

Entred and Seated.

Thomas Chappell one thousand Acres Rights Entred & three sev-
erall plantations thereupon -

John Briggs Two hundred & fifty acres Ent^d Seated.

Nathaniell Harrison and Hinsha Gulliam Seven hundred &
fifty Acres Entred and Seated.

Richard Halliman & Thomas Halliman Eleven
hundred & fifty acres Entred and Seated.

Thomas Blunt & Richard Washington five hund^d acres Entred
and Seated.

Thomas Haynes petitioning for a Grant of Two hundred & fifty acres for which he Entered Rights with m^r George Williamson & seated the same - and James Bynum for grant of the same the Committee conceives Haynes to have the priority Entry and to have preference.

/Entered and survey'd

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James Minge & Thomas Blighton Sixteen hundred and sixty acres Surveyed Anno 1683. -

James Jones six hundred thirty four acres by the same title. -

Francis Epps one thousand four hundred & eighty six acres Entered and Surveyed. -

William Hunt three thousand two hundred acres Entered and Surveyed. -

Nude Entries.

Arthur Allen Gent. & William Edwards Son & heir of m^r Edwards Gent. deed according to an Entry made wth m^r George Williamson then Surveyor dated April 20th 1696. and Joseph Wall by permission of m^r Arthur Allen upon request to him made being seated upon some part of that Entry and petitioning for a grant thereof the Committee conceives the Right only to be in them who made the first Entry.

James Allen Reuben Procter, George Williamson & Francis

Williamson according to their severall Entries made the
20th April 1696.

John Washington and Arthur Washington according to their
Entries made 20th April 1696.

William Brown Sen^r according to his Entry made for twelve
hundred Acres

Edward Boykin according to his Entry made -

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/ Seated without Entry.

Abraham Evans quantity not mentioned but Seated.

Rich^d Ham no quantity mentioned but Seated -

Charles Savage two hundred Acres Seated -

William Hunt and Insha Gilliam no quantity mentioned but
Seated.

John Cook representing to his Excellency that in June was
three yeares he did Enter with George Williamson Sur-
veyo^r for Eight hundred acres of Land on the South
of Blackwater with Rights which the said Surveyo^r re-
fused to take for that (as he said) those Lands were
not then opened, yet nevertheless took Entries of Thomas
Blunt & Patrick Lashley for the same Lands who have
built and cleared thereon, the Committee conceives the
compt^r groundless and that the Entries complained off
are well taken.

Thomas Blunt representing that upon the 20th of April 1696.
he entered with rights for a certaine parcell of Land

quantity not mentioned on the South side Blackwater Swamp but could not get a Survey thereof And now praying grant for the same. The Committee conceives his title preferable under the former Salvo's.

Patrick Lashley setting forth that upon the 20th of April 1696. he made an Entry with rights for four hundred acres of Land upon Black. water but could not get a Survey thereof. And now praying grant for the same. the Committee conceives his title thereof is preferable under the former Salvo's

Francis Poythers representing that by Patent dated the 28th of September 1681. there was granted unto Mayo^r. Francis Poythers six hundred and nine acres two Roods & nine pole of Land on Black water &c. which by the Death of the Patentee Descends to him. And praying grant thereof. The Committee conceives his petition reasonable and that it be renewed.

But forasmuch as this Committee cannot be fully informed, that all persons, laying claime to Land in Pamunky Neck and on the South side of Blackwater Swamp as afores^d have had Notice, or appeared to lay their claimes before the Committee. And forasmuch as the Committee cannot be any way Satisfied how or where the s^d claimes clash, or interfere one with another. This Committee (taking y^e same into their serious consideration

And out of their tender care of many men who by such Default may perhaps be ousted of their Lands, by them long time held in possession. And on the other hand to take away all Occasion of Discontent Law Suits, and Controversies between man and man, and to prevent the Vast and great Expence that will thereupon necessarily Ensur.) conceives that the proper Meanes to prevent the one, and remedy the other will be. that the Courts of the severall Counties where the said Land lye or so many of them as are nee way therein Interested or concerned, with such Others as his Excellency shall think fitt to joyn in Commission for that purpose if Occasion require be empowered & Authorised upon certaine dayes (whereof publick Notice to be given throughout the whole Country) to Examine the Claimes beforementioned and all other that shall
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come before them relating to the said Lands. / And according to the preference or priority of the severall claimes to them appearing (alwayes observing the order and Method before by this Committee laid down and Expressed and none otherwise) to order the Surveyors to lay out the same. Which severall Surveys so made shall be returned to the severall County Courts, from which such orders issued. And by them to be certified to the Secretaries office for his Excellencies approbation and grant thereupon

Drammaccho Mongy • chief Ruler of the Chisahomony

Indians on behalfe of himselfe and his great men and the poor of his Nation by petition setting forth that severall Lands in Pamunkey Neck were by Orders of Councill and the Articles of Peace made at Middle plantation the 24th of May 1677 Granted unto them. And praying confirmation of the same to them from his Excellency and that the Land by them sold and Exchanged to others may be confirmed to the severall purchasers and that they may have Liberty to sell & dispose of what is yet unsold for their relief:

The same being fully weighed and considered by the Committee, they conceive and thereupon make report
 1st That by the Intent & meaning of the 5th Articles of Peace and the 136. Act of Assembly in the printed book, to which the said Articles have relation, they have not any colour or pretence of Right to any Lands in the said Neck other then within three Miles of the Indian Town where they then Inhabited.

2^{do} That therefore they had not any power or Authority by colour or pretext of the 5th Articles or any Law or Order whatsoever, to sell lease or lett out any other Lands in the said Neck, nor yet that within the said bounds other then to the posterity of their own Nation. and therefore all Such Sales Leases or Exchanges by them made to any person whatsoever are in themselves Null and Voyd.

3th That what Lands they hold from any of his Maj^{ties} subjects by Exchange shall be confirmed to them and their posterity (Viz^d) that they have in Exchange from Ar. nold and Mallory!

The aforesaid Indians by another petition setting forth that they gave certaine Lands in Pamunkey Neck to Peter fford and his wife for life And praying that since the said Tenants for life are Dead the said Land may Revert to them &c

This Committee conceives and reports that since it both appear that the said Land was confirmed unto the s^d fford by S^r Henry Chicheley & afterwards by the Lord Effingham And by the s^d fford sold to Edmund Jennings Esq^r. therefore the said Indians have noe right nor title to it!

The Occahanock Indians representing to his Excy That they of their great kindness to the English gave them leave to seat upon their Lands which by the Articles of Peace were reserved for their own proper use. That accordingly the English have seated upon all the Lands which were reserved to the Indians by the afores^d Articles That the English being so seated upon the s^d Lands will not give the Indians Liberty to come upon those Lands either to Hunt or fish which are their only meanes of Liveing. And the Indians not having any Lands of their own, this unkind and unjust Usage by the Eng^{lish} hath reduced / them to very great poverty & necessity

and praying directions for redress therein!

This Committee conceives the same lyes not before them, And doubt not but his Excellency will take such methods for redress of their aggrievances (if true) as shall seem meet.

The Nansemond Indians representing that they are informed the English intend to take up Land And Seat upon a place called their old Town (which lyes between the black water & Rottaway river) which they fear will cause difference betwixt them & the English And praying consideration to be had thereof and such Directions therein given as shall be thought proper!

The same being referred to this Committee they conceive and make report that Whereas the said Indians have removed themselves from the said old Town as this Committee are credibly informed. And for severall years last past have seated themselves in Another place from thence farr Distant, that therefore they have noe right nor title to that by them so Voluntarily Deserted. But yet that noe English shall be permitted to Seat plant or possess any Lands nearer then within three Miles of the Town where the ^s Indians now Inhabit!

The Rottaway Indians representing that the Tuscororus Indians (being encouraged thereto) doe often come into the upper parts of the Country about Appamattus Amongst the English who furnish them with Gunns

powder & shott which Enables them to Hunt upon & burn
p. 201 / up their ground whereby their Game is Destroyed and
their hunting Spoyled, that the English trust the Ins.
caruoes in trade with rum & other goods which they
bring out Amongst the Nottawayes and Some times sell
in to play and loose all or great part of those goods
and not being able to make Satisfaction to the Eng.
lish they tell them the Nottawayes take their goods
from them, which Occasions difference betwixt the Eng.
lish and the Nottawayes!

And praying his Excy will be pleased to con.
sider of those things and give such Directions therein
as he shall think fitt!

And to prevent any New Occasion of Difference with
the English Desiring that their Lands may be ascer.
tained by bounds and that noe English may be permitted
to seat within those bounds.

Whereupon his Excellency Directed them to consider
with themselves what bounds they desire may be sett them
And when they have agreed either to come and Acquaint
him themselves or to let their Interpreter know their De.
sires that he may wait upon his Excellency and Ac.
quaint him therewith!

Upon consideration of the whole matter this Committee
conceives that as to their personall discords upon com.
plaint and proof made his Excellency will give suitable redress!

And As to the bounding and Ascertaining their
Lands his Excellencies Directions thereon is sufficient

Dionisius Knight Clk Committee

/Concerning the Northern & Southern bounds of this^{p. 302}
country. This Committee conceives and accordingly reports
that the committee appointed for Revisall of the Lawes have
ing greater opportunity of inspecting the old Records &
papers which they may be also Obliged to upon Other Oc-
casions. May in all Likelyhood have greater Advantage of
considering the same and more Exactly find out what
may be for the Advantage of this country therein. And
that therefore it be referred to them to consider & report.

Dionisius Knight Clk Committee

Friday June 2^d. 1699

By the Councill

This Report read and agreed to

B: Harrison Clk Gen Ass:

Munday June 5th 1699.

By the House of Burgesses

This Report Read and agreed to by the House.

Test

H^c Randolph Clk H Burg^s

Endorsed

Endorsed n^o 37 Virginia / copy of a Report of the /
 committee for examining claims / to Land in Pamunkey Neck /
 and on the south side of Black / water Swamp and for
 settling / y^e North, and Southern bounds / of Virginia /
 Referred to in Holt / Nicholson's Lett^r of y^e / 1st July 1699 /
 Re^d Septemb^r 4th } 1699. / Entered Fol 360 / C 39
 Read

Virginia fs.

March the 28th 1699

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Gentlemen

copy
lett. to the Justices
of the peace of
Stafford County,
concerning their
sending to the
Emperour of Pissa-
toway re:

It being for his Ma^{ty}s especial service
that the Indian commonly known by the name
of the Emperour of piscatoway, who about two
years ago fled from his Ma^{ty}s province of Mary-
land with his Nation of Indians the Piscatto-
ways or Architehes, should with some of his
great men (vulgarly so called) meet me in a General Assem-
bly of this his Ma^{ty}s most ancient and great Colony and
Dominion of Virginia, which (godwilling) is design'd to sitt
at James City the 2^d of April next. These are therefore in
his Ma^{ty}s name to will and require you to send one or more
messengers to the said Emperour and command him in his
Ma^{ty}s name that he and some of his great men make
their personal appearance before me in the General Assembly,
the first day of May next or a day or two before. The
person or persons whom you send ought to be so qualify'd
that they may keep an exact Journal of their Journey and
be able to give a just and full account of their proceedings
therein, and what in them lyes make observations how far
they are off the Inhabitants. What sort of way it is,
what kind of place they are seated on, how to become
at, if they have any fort or fforts, of what nature &
how scituate what number of babbins & Indians there are
especially Bowmen, if any foreign Indians and what

number of them, how the Indians subsist in point of provisions, and what preparations they are making for them, what trade they have and with whom, And if they find any other thing that is proper to be taken notice of, or enquired after, they are to do them, and those whom you send are to acquaint all the Indians with their Message so that the Emperor & some of the Indians may not tell the other quite contrary things.

I do also in his Majesty's name command you to send an Acct by the Gentlemen who shall be chosen your Burgesses how many Officers and Rangers have been kept in your County, what time they have served as such, and if they have been paid, or what is due to each Officer and Ranger, ^{p. 308} This must be under the hands of the Officer or Officers & Rangers, and if there be any other debt upon the Acct of the S. Rangers, or Indians. I do likewise in his Majesty's name Order you to make publick enquiry within your County, whether all the Inhabitants thereof, or any of them are any wayes fearful or apprehensive of the said Emperour and his Indians doing any mischief &c: and if so, what way they propose to secure themselves and your frontiers. These Last acct I would have signed by your selves, all the Militia officers of your County, and at least by the principal Inhabitants thereof and as many others as are willing so to do. ffail not to comply with these my commands as you will answer the contrary at your perills

Given under my hand and Lesser Seal at armes the day
 & year abovewritten
 For the Worshipfull his Ma^{ty} Justices
 of the Peace for Stafford County.

Stafford sh

April the 21st 1699

Copy Report of the
 persons sent out
 of Stafford County
 for discovering the
 Piscataway Indians
 & carrying a mes-
 sage to their Em-
 perour.

In obedience to his Excell^{ty} command
 and an order of this Court bearing date
 the 12th of this Instant April We the Subscrib-
 ers have been with the Emperour of Pis-
 catoway at his ffort and did there com-
 mand him in his Ma^{ty} name to meet his
 Excell^{ty} in a general Assembly of this his Ma^{ty} most ancient
 Colony and Dominion of Virginia, the first of May next
 or two or three days before with some of his great men.
 As soon as we had delivered his Excell^{ty} commands, The
 Emperour summons all his Indians that were then at the
 ffort being in all about twenty men. After consultation
 of about two hours, they told us, were very busy and
 could not possibly come or go down, but if his Excell^{ty}
 would be pleased to come to him with some of his
 great men, should be glade to see him, and then his
 Excell^{ty} might speak what he hath to say / to him, and^{p. 309}
 if his Excell^{ty} could not come himself, Then to send some
 of his great men, ffor he desired nothing but peace. They
 live on an Island in the Middle of Potomack river, its

about a mile long or something better, and about a quarter of a mile wide in the broadest place. The ffort stands at the upper end of the Island, but not quite finished, and there the Island is not above two hundred and fifty yards over. The banks are about 12 foot high and very hard to ascend. Just at the Lower end of the Island is Lower land and little or no Bank. Against the upper end of the Island stand two small Islands, the one on Maryland side, the other on this side which is of about four acres of Land, and within two hundred yards of the ffort, the other smaller & something nearer, both firmland, and from the main to the ffort is about four hundred yards at least, not ffordable except in a very dry time. The ffort is about fifty or sixty yards square, and there is eighteen babbins in the ffort and nine babbins without the ffort that we could see. As for provisions they have borne they have enough and to spare. He saw no strange Indians, but the Emperour says that the Senekers live with them when they are at home Also adds that he had made peace with all the Indians except the ffrench Indians, and now the ffrench hath a mind to ly still themselves they have hired their Indians to do mischief. The distance from the Inhabitants is about Seventy miles as we conceive by our journeys. The 16th of this instant April we set out from the Inhabitants and found a good track for five miles, all the rest of this days journey

very grubby and hilly except some small patches but
 very well for horses tho not good for carts, and but one
 Run of any danger in a ffresh, and then very bad. That
 night lay at the Sugar land which judge to be fowrty
 miles. The 17th day we set the River by a small compass,
 and found it lay up N. H. B. N. and afterwards set it
 four times and always found it near the same bourse.
 He generally kept about one mile from the River, and
 about seven or eight miles above the Sugar land. He came
 to a broad branch of about fifty or sixty yards wide,
 a still or small stream, it took our horses up to the p. 310
 bellys, very good going in and out. About six miles fur-
 ther came to another great branch of about sixty or seven-
 ty yards wide with a strong stream making falls with
 large Stones that caused our horses sometimes to be up to
 their bellys, and sometimes not above their knees, so we
 conceive if a ffresh then not fordable. Thence in a small
 track to a smaller Run, about six miles indifferent way,
 and so held on till we came within six or seven miles
 of the ffort or Island and then very grubby and great
 stones standing above the ground like haycocks, they
 hold for three or four miles, and then short Ridges with
 small Runns untill we came to the ffort or Island.
 As for the number of Indians there are at the ffort about
 twenty men and about twenty women & about thirty chil-
 dren, & we mett four. He understand there is in the

Inhabitants about sixteen they informed us there was some
out a hunting, but we judge by their babbling there can
not be above eighty or ninety bowmen in all. This is all
we can report who subscribe our selves

Y^r Excell^{ty} most dutifull servants

Giles Vandecastell

Burr. Harrison

Stafford Court April 12th 1699

May it please y^r Excell^{ty}

Copy
Left: from the
Justices of Peace
of Stafford County

We his Ma^{ty} Justices hereto subscribing have
the honour of y^r Excell^{ty} commands to us directed
under your Lesser Seal at armes dated the 28th of
March last, And in obedience thereunto have in
the first place made them publick and pursuant thereunto
have this day pitched upon two Substantial persons Inhabit.
ants of this County, to witt, Mr Giles Vandecastille and Mr
Burr: Harrison to go to the Indian (called) Emperour of Pis.
catoway to deliver to him & such as are vulgarly called
his great men, y^r Excell^{ty} commands. We hope/and believe
they are men of that character y^r Excell^{ty} was pleased
to advise and command, and in order to their full di.
rection We have delivered them a copy of y^r Excell^{ty} pre.
cept to us, which is a direction not only sufficient, but
infinitely beyond what we can give. Their dispatch is given,
and we hope their Return will be speedy, which as soon

as comes to us shall be dutifully dispatch'd to y^r Excell^y

As to the pay due to the Rangers and their officers, we find to be thirteen moneths in Average, and humbly refer your Excell^y to the commanders & soldiers or Rangers respectively signing according to y^r Excell^y direction and commands. As to that part communicable to the Inhabitants about their apprehensions of the Indians and their proposition for their security, is hereby presented to y^r Excell^y inclosed under their hands, who are in all obedience

Your Excell^y most dutifull servants

G. Mason

William Williams

Math. Thompson

Jⁿ Washington

Rich^d ffassaker

Robert Colson

Philip Buckner

Stafford fs

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Representation by
the Justices &c. of
Stafford County
about one Square
Town an Indian

To his Excellency ffrancis Nicholson Esq
his Ma^{ty} Lieut and Governour Gen^l of
Virginia, The hon^{ble} Council of State, The
Right worshipfull M^r. Speaker, and the
Horshipfull house of Burgesses &c.

We the Inhabitants of Stafford County hereto subscribing Do to our Representatives this day legally chosen these following aggrievances Viz

Imp^t That it being no less for the honour of God, the safety of the people that innocent blood inhumanely spilt should be justly revenged, We desire that bloody villain

-Esq. Tomm a convict upon Record, / may be demanded and
brought in by the Emperor of Piscatoway who enter enter.
tains him and protects him from condign punishment

Robert Alexander

G. Mason

Edward Barton

Math: Thompson

Thomas Baxter .

Rich^d ffassaker

Giles Vandecastal

Philip Buckner

Hugh Kneton

William Williams

John Haugh Junr

John Washington

Tho Norman

Robert Collson

John Simson

David Saughan

These are all true copies

ffr: Nicholson

Virginia

By his Excellency

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A proclamation

[see also p. 96 and]

Copy
proclamation
for apprehend:
Squire Tom.

Whereas a Piscataway Indian called and known by the name of Squire Tom, hath been convicted upon the Records of Stafford County Court, for the barbarous murder of some of his Matys subjects in the said county, and to avoid the just punishment due for the said offence is fled from justice, Therefore I Francis Nicholson Esq his Matys Lieutenant and Governor Gen^l of Virginia by and with the advice & consent of the hon^{ble} Council of State Do in his Matys name command and require all Officers civil and Military, and all other his Matys Loving Subjects within this his ancient and great colony and Dominion of Virginia to use their best and utmost endeavour to apprehend and take the said Indian Squire Tom, and him having taken to bring or cause to be brought before any of his Matys Justices of the peace in this colony and Dominion, who is hereby commanded and required to secure the said Indian Squire Thom, in order to his being brought to condign punishment And in case the said Indian doth resist or refuse to be taken, It shall & may be Lawfull for any of his Matys loving Subjects to kill, shoot, or destroy the said Indian Squire Tom, and if any person or persons either Christian or heathen shall apprehend and take the said Indian Tom either dead or alive, I do promise to allow to any such person or persons the Reward

of Ten pounds Sterling, which the Auditor of his Matys Re.
venue is hereby impowered and required to pay. And I do
command all Sherriffs to cause this proclamation to be pub.
lished in all Churches Chappels and other publick places
in their respective Countys, as they will answer the contrary
at their perills. Given at James Town under my hand & Seal
of the Colony this 21st day of June 1699 in the Eleventh year
of his Matys reign.

Jfr. Nicholson

+ proclamation for apprehending &
taking one Squire Tom an Indian

C. C. Thacker Cl. Sec^y office

God save the King

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March the 28th 1699

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Gentlemen

Copy of a Lett^r
sent to the Jus:
tices of peace of
Richmond, Essex
King & Queen,
New Kent & Hen:
rico Countys
about the Indians
re.

I do in his Mat^y name will and require you to send an account by the Gentle- men which godwilling shall be chosen your Burgesses, what number of Officers and Rang- ers have been kept in your County, what time they have served as such, and if they have been paid, and what is due to each officer & Ranger. This must be under the hands of the said Officer or officers, and of each Ranger. And if there be any thing due to any person upon Acc^t of the said Rangers, or concerning the Indians.

I do also in his Mat^y name command you to make publick Inquiry within your County Whither all the Inhabitants thereof, or any of them are any wayes fearfull or apprehensive of the Indian commonly called the Emperor of Piscattoway or Architeke, & his Indians, do- ing of any mischief re: They fled from his Mat^y pro- vince of Maryland about two years agoe (and by the best Accompt which I have they are at present Seated on an Island in Potomack River betwixt twenty and thirty miles above the place which they vulgarly call the Sugar- lands) or of any other Indians; and if so, what way they propose to secure themselves, & your ffrontiers. These Last accounts I would have signed by your selves, all

the Militia officers of your bounty within this his Matys
most ancient and great colony and Dominion of Virginia,
and at least by the principal Inhabitants thereof, and as
many others as are willing so to do. Faile not to comply
with these my commands as you will answer the contrary
at your perills. Given under my hand and Lesser Seal at
armes the day and year abovescriben

ffr: Nicholson

To the worshipfull his Matys Justices of
the peace for Richmond bounty.

the same also sent to the courts of
Essex, King & Queen, New Kent, and
Henrico bountys.

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Endorsed Virginia p/ copies of Papers concerning / the Piscataway
Indians & one / of them called Esq Tomm.

Also Endorsed N^o 38. Virginia / copy of several Pap^r relating /
to the Piscataway Ind^m especially one of them calld Squire / Tom.

Referrid to in bott: / Nicholson's Lett^r of / the 1st July 1699.

Rec^d Septemb^r 4th } 1699 / Entred Fol 360 / C 40
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By the committee of proportions Anno Dni 1699

	Tythables	£ Tobacco
Henrico county	Dr . . . 699 . . . At 19 p pole	12711
Charles City county	Dr . . . 1052 . . . At 19 p pole	19988
Surry county	Dr . . . 662 . . . At 19 p pole	12578
Isle of Wight county	Dr . . . 732 . . . At 19 p pole	13908
Nanseam? county	Dr . . . 775 . . . At 19 p pole	14725
Norfolk county	Dr . . . 674 . . . At 19 p pole	12806
Princes Anne county	Dr . . . 646 . . . At 19 p pole	12274
Eliz: City county	Dr . . . 427 . . . At 19 p pole	8113
Warwick county	Dr . . . 463 . . . At 19 p pole	8797
York county	Dr . . . 1093 . . . At 19 p pole	20767
James City county	Dr . . . 1084 . . . At 19 p pole	20596
New Kent county	Dr . . . 1056 . . . At 19 p pole	20064
King and Queen county	Dr . . . 1483 . . . At 19 p pole	28177
Gloucester county	Dr . . . 2326 . . . At 19 p pole	44194
Middlesex county	Dr . . . 764 . . . At 19 p pole	14516
Essex county	Dr . . . 871 . . . At 19 p pole	16549
Richmond county	Dr . . . 1036 . . . At 19 p pole	19684
Northumberland county	Dr . . . 997 . . . At 19 p pole	18943
Lancaster county	Dr . . . 636 . . . At 19 p pole	12084
Hestm: land county	Dr . . . 887 . . . At 19 p pole	16853
Stafford county	Dr . . . 679 . . . At 19 p pole	12901
Northampton county	Dr . . . 615 . . . At 19 p pole	11685
Accomack county	Dr . . . 866 . . . At 19 p pole	16434
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Memorand.

This Levy was laid by the
List of Tythables taken in the
Year 1698. The List for the
Year 1699 being not taken
before the 10th of June follo^w.

H^{on} Randolph Cl^{erk} Ho: Burgesses

[Endorsed]